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LGBTQ workers lead fight for unions

Advocating for each other has become part of lifestyle, culture

By Talia Soglin
Chicago Tribune

Jordan Parshall first got involved in political activism in his early teens growing up in Minnesota.

In 2012, a proposed constitutional amendment would have defined marriage as between a man and a woman in the state. Parshall, who had realized he was gay, felt compelled to volunteer for the "vote no" campaign, which ultimately prevailed.

"I wanted what my parents had. My parents were happily married," said Parshall, who now works for Intelligentsia Coffee in Chicago and as an organizer for the baristas' union, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1220. "I wanted to get married, and when I was growing up I couldn't do that. And so that kind of activated the spark for me."

Parshall's foray into political activism exposed him to unions, he said; neither of his parents belonged to one. When he moved to Chicago and started working for Intelligentsia, Parshall helped lead the charge to organize his co-workers. Intelligentsia baristas in Chicago voted to unionize last summer and secured their first union contract in December, which included paid meal breaks, raises and additional vacation.

"If you grew up queer somewhere that it's not accepted, you have to learn to stick up for yourself," Parshall said. "That's true for a lot of my queer co-workers. There's just more of a willingness to speak up for yourself and defend yourself, and, you know, advocate for changes if you're working under unfair conditions."

The last two years have seen a wave of union filings emerge from Chicago's coffeehouses and university halls, from its canna-

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Former President Donald Trump visits the Cuban restaurant Versailles after he appeared for his arraignment on Tuesday in Miami. **ALON SKUY/GETTY**

TRUMP ARRAIGNED, PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Former president makes historic appearance in Miami courtroom

By Alanna Durkin Richer, Adriana Gomez Licon and Eric Tucker
Associated Press

MIAMI — Donald Trump became the first former president to face a judge on federal charges as he pleaded not guilty in a Miami courtroom Tuesday to dozens of felony counts accusing him of hoarding classified documents and refusing government demands to give them back.

The history-making court date, centered on charges that Trump mishandled government secrets that as commander-in-chief he was entrusted to protect, opens a legal process that could unfold at the height of the 2024 presidential campaign and carry profound consequences not only for his political future but also for his own personal liberty.

Trump approached his arraignment with characteristic bravado, posting social media broadsides against the prosecution from inside his motorcade en route to the courthouse and insisting as he has through years of legal woes that he has done nothing wrong and was being persecuted for political purposes. But inside the courtroom, he sat silently, scowling and arms crossed as a lawyer entered a not guilty plea on his behalf in a brief arraignment that ended without him having to surrender his passport or otherwise restrict his travel.

The arraignment, though largely procedural in nature, was the latest in an unprecedented public reckoning this year for Trump, who faces charges in New York arising from hush money payments during his 2016 presidential campaign as well as ongoing investigations in Washington and Atlanta into efforts to undo the results of the 2020 race.

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INSIDE: Former President Trump gets cheers and jeers in Miami. **Nation & World**

Volunteers feel shut out of migrant meeting

Many hoped for more transparency, access to city-run shelters

By Nell Salzman and Laura Rodríguez Presa
Chicago Tribune

Giovanni Gonzalez, of Venezuela, left, hugs a Rogers Elementary School teacher before being transferred from the High Ridge YMCA to Daley College on Tuesday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Volunteers were disappointed by a lackluster city response at a meeting Monday night to their request to enter temporary city-run shelters starting this week, following months of not being able to get inside the buildings that house nearly 10,000 migrants who have come to Chicago since August.

Collaboration efforts between volunteers and city officials came to a head when the city hosted a closed meeting to respond to a letter sent by the Police Station Response Team, a network of volunteers providing support and resources to migrants sleeping on the floors of police stations as they wait for placement in shelters.

About 30 response team volunteers were watching the online meeting, and many said afterward they had hoped for more cooperation from the incoming administration and more transparency about what is happening inside shelters contracted by the city's private vendor, Favorite Staffing.

At the meeting, Mayor Brandon Johnson's deputy chief of staff, Cristina Pacione-Zayas, said it is difficult to move quickly from contractually based staffers to community based teams, according to a transcript from the Zoom recording sent to the Tribune by a volunteer who attended. Paci-

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As NASCAR races, other cars will move very slowly

Road closures for July event add to summer traffic-jam headaches

By Sarah Freishtat
Chicago Tribune

Driving through downtown Chicago is about to get hairier as the city prepares to shut down part of DuSable Lake Shore Drive and other roads in and around Grant Park for the NASCAR Chicago Street Race this summer.

Chicago residents are no strangers to large summertime events in the city's downtown lakefront park and occasional short-term road closures around the area.

But the NASCAR race, to be held July 1 and 2, calls for closing major downtown roads like DuSable Lake Shore Drive, Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road for multiple days, forcing those trying to drive to or through downtown to find alternate ways of getting around.

Making the situation even worse for drivers is ongoing construction that has snarled traffic along another major route

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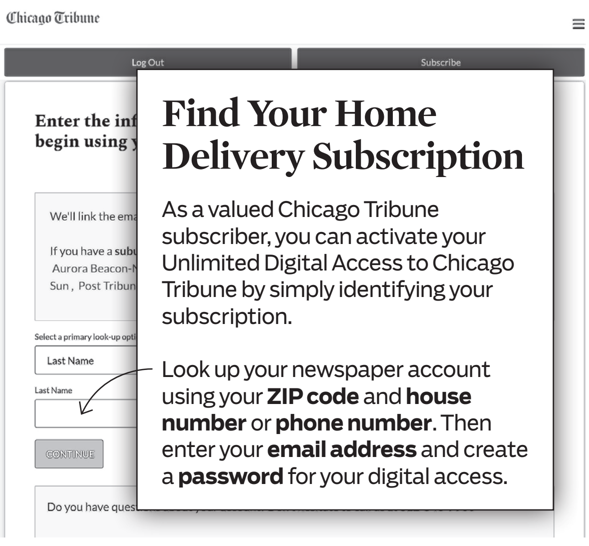

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City Ethics Board plans to seek changes to contractor oversight

Panel's response comes after story in the Tribune

By Alex Harrison and John Byrne
Chicago Tribune

Chicago Board of Ethics executive director Steve Berlin at a meeting in 2017. Berlin said the board will recommend that the ethics ordinance be amended. **ABEL URIBE/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Chicago's Ethics Board will look to amend the city's ethics ordinance in response to a Tribune story that detailed how several aldermen used tax dollars to pay a former top Park District official tens of thousands of dollars as a consultant after he'd had been asked to resign and placed on the district's "do not rehire" list for his role in that agency's sexual abuse lifeguard scandal.

Steve Berlin, the Ethics Board's executive director, said it will recommend to Mayor Brandon Johnson and aldermen that they amend the city government's ethics ordinance to clarify "various aspects of the Ordinance's regulation of City Council independent contractors, in light of a media story earlier this week," according to Berlin's report to the board this week.

Berlin on Tuesday confirmed the proposed changes come in response to the Tribune article, which detailed how four aldermen paid more than $48,000 out of their taxpayer-funded expense accounts to a consulting firm run by Alonzo Williams, the Park District's former chief programs officer. Berlin said in an email the board will likely make proposed changes to the ethics ordinance "in the next few months," but he declined to discuss specifics.

The full City Council would need to vote to approve any such changes, and council members Tuesday offered mixed reactions to the idea.

Berlin's proposal comes after a Tribune review of aldermanic expense accounts, which are little-known funds totaling $122,000 a year for each of the city's 50 council members to spend on almost anything they want with little oversight. Among the Tribune's findings: Williams was paid as an independent contractor for various consulting jobs by former Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th, and current Alds. Michelle Harris, 8th, David Moore, 17th, and Jason Ervin, 28th.

Williams was asked to resign from his position as the Park District's chief programs officer in late 2021 after he was repeatedly cited in an independent investigation as among several Park District executives who mishandled allegations of sexual harassment and abuse in the lifeguard program.

The district's human resources form that details Williams' resignation states "DO NOT REHIRE" in the remarks section, and a district spokeswoman told the Tribune that Williams is still banned from being employed by the Park District, which is a sister agency of the city of Chicago.

When the Tribune told Berlin in May that Williams had been paid as a consultant by the four aldermen, Berlin called the situation "disturbing."

"I'd think do not hire lists should be shared and honored between sister agencies and the City's various branches, including the legislative branch," Berlin said then in an email. "However, who can and cannot be hired as a City Council independent contractor is not addressed by the Governmental Ethics Ordinance."

In addition, Williams was one of at least eight independent contractors who didn't file financial interest statements required by the city's ethics ordinance.

Northwest Side Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, said it makes sense for the City Council to tighten up rules around independent contractors and the city's do-not-hire rules.

"Contractor oversight has long been this kind of no man's land, and I've been talking to the Ethics Board about the need to figure out good ways to remedy that," Waguespack said. "You just see this rotating circle where contractors get in trouble at one agency and move on and get hired at another one. There are ways to address it."

Waguespack said he thinks the votes would be there on the council to make do-not-hire lists apply to contractors at city sister agencies, though he acknowledged it could be tight.

But Ervin, one of the aldermen who paid Williams' consulting firm, said it's not necessarily fair to issue across-the-board punishments for city employees who did something wrong in one agency. "That's something we would have to discuss further, but we do have the right to exercise some judgment," Ervin said. "You wouldn't hire a bank robber as a bank teller, but does that mean he can't work as a janitor?"

Williams launched 8028 Consultants LLC in early 2022. Just two months after that he received his first payment from Moore.

By April 2022 three other council members — Sawyer, Harris and Ervin — had each begun paying Williams' firm on a monthly basis using their annual aldermanic expense allowances.

Williams advised them "in all park-related matters" and created documents for grant applicants, according to engagement requests, invoices and emails obtained by the Tribune through the Freedom of Information Act.

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Injured pedicab driver feels city didn't do enough

By Jake Sheridan
Chicago Tribune

In a still image from video, the driver of a bus hits pedicab driver Sarah Yopp outside Wrigley Field on Sunday after a Dead & Company concert. **MARÌSOL SANTOS**

A woman who says she was hurt after an allegedly drunken driver crashed into her pedicab outside Wrigley Field last weekend wants to know why the man isn't facing more serious charges.

Video of the crash captured by a bystander shows a bus decorated with painted mushrooms stopped outside the ballpark's iconic red marquee following Saturday's Dead & Company concert. At the intersection, pedicab driver Sarah Yopp's cycle rickshaw rolls to a stop.

Then the bus driver accelerates forward. The bus plows through Yopp's pedicab, hitting another car and knocking Yopp hard to the side, and drives on.

Bystanders scream and some chase after the bus.

"Hey, you good, baby girl?" shouts Marìsol Santos, who filmed the crash and shared her video with the Tribune. "Someone needs to call 911!"

According to police, the driver fled the scene but was later detained a mile away. Police charged Bryan Michael Rollins, 40, of California, with two misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence of alcohol. Rollins was also charged with multiple traffic citations for failing to stay in a lane, not reporting an accident, not carrying a driver's license and driving an uninsured vehicle.

Another driver followed and detained Rollins, who hit a 2016 Chevy Malibu and 2012 Toyota Prius stopped on Clark Street before crashing into Yopp, according to a police crash report. Police saw open alcohol in the bus, and Rollins told officers he had been drinking, the crash report said. Police released him later Sunday.

Yopp, who is not identified in the police report, declined medical care at the scene. She biked home, disoriented and fearful of getting stuck with costly hospital bills and losing the expensive pedicab she needs for work, she told the Tribune on Tuesday.

She said over a dozen witnesses have reached out to her since she posted video of the crash to fan pages for Dead & Company, the band including John Mayer and former Grateful Dead members.

The pedicab driver said she had been trying to assist the driver of a Prius who was calling out for help after the person's car was repeatedly hit by the bus. She had no passengers at the time. She said she believes the driver was under the influence of drugs when he hit her.

"Before he hit me, I looked him in the eye and he had the most crazed look,"she said. "He looked like he didn't care what he did; he was going to get out of there."

He mouthed "sorry" as he sped through the intersection and crashed into her, she said. She put her hand out to urge him to stop. Her head slammed into the cement after she was struck. She would've been killed if she hadn't been on her bike, which fell to the side instead of flattening under the bus when it was hit, she said.

"It was obvious: He didn't care about killing people or harming anybody," said Santos, who checked on Yopp after capturing the video.

Yopp went to the emergency room Monday night with what she believes is a brain injury. She said she waited seven hours for care before ultimately going home. She suspects she fractured several ribs in the crash and suffered a concussion. She also said she's experiencing severe back pain and got a gash on her back.

"Today, I actually feel like I was hit by a van," Yopp said. She returned to the hospital Tuesday.

The crash isn't Yopp's first.

In 1998 she was hit by a drunken driver while riding on a motorcycle with a friend in Arizona. The violent crash left her friend with lasting mental handicaps. Yopp said she couldn't walk for two years. That crash still affects her memory and left her with tens of thousands of dollars of medical debt, despite successful lawsuits, she added.

Following the crash shortly after midnight on Sunday, police and firefighters did little to support her, Yopp said. They told her she looked fine, and no one checked to see if her eyes had dilated, she said. One first responder straightened her pedicab's wheel a bit, and she went home.

According to the crash report, Yopp refused medical treatment and left the scene before authorities could learn who she was.

Yopp said the lack of immediate support and the absence of more serious charges against the driver have made her feel unsupported by the city.

"I'm probably never going to work Wrigley again. I don't feel safe up there," she said. "I just feel like my life didn't matter ... because the police don't seem to want to charge him with the real charges of what he actually did."

Yopp used to drive her pedicab while dressed up as Wonder Woman. The Floridian has come to Chicago to work during summers for years.

During the pandemic she said some people would come downtown just to take rides in her carriage. It felt good to lift spirits, she said.

Despite rules making work difficult for pedicab drivers, like a ban on Navy Pier pickups after 6 p.m., the drivers are part of Chicago's fabric, she said. But now Yopp isn't sure if she'll come back to the city.

She's heard that the driver, whom she believes follows the band's concerts, has moved on to Ohio for the tour's next stop. Her pedicab, which she said costs around $20,000, needs a few thousands dollars in repairs. She expects aggravated injuries from her past crash will cost her even more, in part because the driver who hit her is uninsured.

Yopp's work night was cut short by the crash, and she hasn't been able to resume cabbing since. She's unsure when she'll able to, physically. She's not sure if she can get back on the bike mentally either, but she hopes to start biking people around again soon.

A GoFundMe started by Yopp's sister has raised over $6,000. Many Dead & Company fans have sent money, Yopp said.

Late Tuesday, Yopp said authorities in Ohio called her to tell her they were searching for Rollins, the alleged driver. Chicago police had advised the Ohio authorities to find him, she said. She heard the man had parted from the bus, but somebody outside the next Dead & Company concert he attended had shared his location, she added.

The Tribune unsuccessfully attempted to contact Rollins through his phone, email and social media accounts.

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Berrios referenced during son-in-law's bribery trial

But no accusations of wrongdoing by ex-county assessor

By Jason Meisner
Chicago Tribune

For the first time, the jury in the bribery trial of a politically connected businessman on Tuesday heard a veiled reference to the businessman's father-in-law: ex-Cook County Democratic boss Joseph Berrios.

The moment came during a recorded interview defendant James T. Weiss gave to the FBI after being pulled over near his west suburban home in October 2019.

In trying to explain how he came to send a $2,500 check to a "consultant" who was actually invented by investigators, Weiss, who is married to Berrios' daughter, told the agents a story about how hard it had been to gain traction with legislators in Springfield and help advance his sweepstakes gaming machine business.

Weiss said that it was so bad that even then-state Sen. Terry Link, who was spearheading the state's gambling overhaul and knew Weiss' father-in-law well, told him off in vulgar terms at the Capitol.

"My father-in-law interacted with Terry Link for 30 years, and (Link) told me, '(Expletive) you' to my face," Weiss said on the recording, which was played in court Tuesday.

"I didn't know what to do."

The reference marked one of the only times Weiss' influential political family has been mentioned so far in the trial, which could be headed to the jury as soon as Wednesday.

Joseph Berrios, who was head of the Cook County Democratic Party and also served as Cook County assessor from 2011-19, has not been accused of wrongdoing, and Weiss' defense team had argued to keep his name out of the trial to avoid prejudicing the jury.

Jurors on Tuesday were also shown a Post-it note Weiss wrote instructing that paperwork purportedly involving the consulting contract be signed and emailed to a Vanessa Berrios, who was working as Weiss' assistant at his valet parking company.

Weiss, 44, who is married to former state Rep. Toni Berrios, is charged in a superseding indictment filed in October 2020 with bribery, wire fraud, mail fraud and lying to the FBI. He has pleaded not guilty.

The trial centers on the largely uncharted world of sweepstakes machines, sometimes called "gray machines," which allow customers to put in money, receive a coupon to redeem for merchandise online and then play electronic games like slot machines.

Since the machines can be played for free, they are not considered gambling devices. Critics, however, contend the unregulated devices, which operate in cities — including Chicago — that have banned video gambling, are designed to skirt the law.

Prosecutors have alleged Weiss desperately wanted the state's gambling expansion bill to include language explicitly legalizing sweepstakes machines, but it was left out of the proposal in the 2019 spring session. Weiss then agreed to pay monthly $2,500 bribes to get a deal done, first to then-state Rep. Luis Arroyo and later to Link, who was a chief sponsor of the gambling bill in the Senate, according to prosecutors.

Unbeknownst to both Arroyo and Weiss was that Link, a Vernon Hills Democrat, was cooperating with the FBI. Link, who is hoping for a break on his own federal tax conviction in exchange for his cooperation, testified over two days beginning last week about his undercover role.

Arroyo, meanwhile, pleaded guilty to bribery but did not agree to cooperate with prosecutors. U.S. District Judge Steven Seeger sentenced Arroyo to nearly five years in prison last year, calling him a "corruption superspreader."

On Tuesday afternoon prosecutors called former Chicago Ald. Patrick O'Connor, the longtime City Council floor leader, who testified that he proposed a ban on sweepstakes machines in 2018 after seeing them in operation at a gambling house next door to a high school.

O'Connor, who was defeated in 2019 after 36 years in the City Council, said he met with Weiss one time about sweepstakes machines in the fall of 2018 at his 40th Ward office.

"He just kind of stated that he felt my position was incorrect and we just agreed that we weren't agreeing, and that was pretty much it," O'Connor said.

O'Connor also revealed that in June 2019, just a month after leaving office, he was hired as a $5,000-a-month consultant by video gaming king Rick Heidner. O'Connor said that about four months into his yearlong contract Heidner asked him if he would cancel it.

"He made it clear that his plans had changed and he wasn't going to need my assistance," O'Connor testified.

The termination of the deal coincided with Heidner's name surfacing in federal search warrants and subpoenas as part of a widening federal corruption probe involving then-state Sen. Martin Sandoval.

That October the Tribune also exclusively reported that Heidner, who at the time was asking the state for permission to build a southwest suburban horse track and casino, had long-standing business ties to a banking family whose financial involvement with mob figures helped sink a Rosemont casino.

Heidner was never accused of wrongdoing, and the U.S. attorney's office later gave him a non-target letter indicating he was not a part of the federal probe into Sandoval and his associates.

Though the jury did not hear any of the specifics of those investigations, Weiss' attorney, Ilia Usharovich, asked O'Connor repeatedly on cross-examination why he quit consulting for Heidner even though he was being paid handsomely to do little work.

"That's the nature of a consulting contract," he said. "I fulfilled my end by being available. He fulfilled his end by paying me."

"Was Mr. Heidner ever under investigation?" Usharovich asked.

"I believe there was an investigation of the entire gaming industry in Springfield at some point in time," O'Connor said.

Also testifying for prosecutors Tuesday was Sam Toia, president of the Illinois Restaurant Association, who said he helped Weiss promote sweepstakes gaming machines with the city to move them out of "the gray area" and get them on the books, where they could help struggling restaurant owners bring in additional revenue.

"We were out there promoting electronic devices, and sweepstakes machines were electronic devices," Toia said. "I understand independent restaurants and I wanted to help them so they could pay their income taxes."

In his testimony, Link took the jury through the meetings and phone calls he secretly recorded for the FBI, including one at a Wendy's restaurant in Highland Park as well as another meeting weeks later at a Skokie pancake house, where Arroyo allegedly handed over the first $2,500 check from Weiss.

"This is, this is the jackpot," Arroyo told Link as he handed over the check, according to the recording played for the jury Monday. Additional monthly $2,500 payments were expected to be made over the next six to 12 months, totaling $30,000, the charges alleged.

At the direction of the FBI, Link had told Arroyo to have the checks made out to a purported associate named Katherine Hunter, who didn't actually exist.

When Weiss was later questioned by agents, he lied and said Hunter was a lobbyist who lived in Winnetka and that he'd spoken to her on the phone, according to a recording of the interview also played for the jury Monday.

Weiss' attorneys have argued Weiss was paying Arroyo as a legitimate consultant for his business, and that trying to enlist another politician's help is not a crime.

Testimony Tuesday began with prosecutors playing a portion of Weiss' recorded interview with two FBI agents after they pulled him over to serve him with a warrant to seize his cellphone in October 2019. During the clip FBI Special Agent Curtis Heide confronted Weiss about his claim that he'd talked with Katherine Hunter — who did not exist.

"You never had a phone conversation with Katherine Hunter. You didn't," Heide said on the tape.

"There was a woman who Luis (Arroyo) put me on the phone with," Weiss insisted. "We were ... where the hell was it? We met in person. ... I'm trying to give you guys the details."

Suddenly Weiss remembered they were at Tavern on Rush. He said he and Arroyo were at the restaurant on Chicago's Near North Side when Arroyo said, "I gotta put you on the phone with Katherine about engaging in the agreement."

"OK, and he said Katherine?" one of the agents asked.

"I believe it was Katherine, yes," Weiss replied.

On cross-examination, Usharovich pressed Heide about his interrogation methods, suggesting Weiss was intimidated and not given ample opportunity to get out of the car or ask for a lawyer.

Heide said Weiss was free to leave at any time, although they still would have seized his phone. The agent also testified that Weiss had boasted he "was not a rookie and that he could get an attorney, but that he would continue to speak with us."

Usharovich also played a clip from the interview where Weiss was being grilled about driving Arroyo to the meeting at the Skokie pancake house on Aug. 22, 2019. Over and over, Heide and his partner asked Weiss about giving Arroyo the $2,500 check, his business card and copies of the legislation he wanted Link to have.

Finally, Weiss seemed to get annoyed.

"C'mon guys. You guys are trying to trap me," he said on the recording.

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Mayor invites Bears to consider Waukegan move

Says they have been a key community partner in Lake Co.

By Steve Sadin
For News-Sun

Waukegan Mayor Ann Taylor has joined other Chicagoland communities in trying to lure the Chicago Bears to their municipality, and the team says it is open to such a discussion.

Taylor suggested to Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren in a letter written Monday that the Bears build a new stadium on lakefront property in Waukegan, expanding the team's footprint in Lake County.

Taylor said in her letter there are several locations with the necessary land to build a stadium and entertainment area with easy access to Interstate 94, U.S. Route 41 and public transportation. The Bears already train in Lake Forest, making Waukegan an excellent location for a stadium, she wrote.

"The City of Waukegan has multiple large parcels including lakefront property which could be developed into both the state of the art stadium and entertainment district the team has publicly expressed in building," Taylor said in the letter.

Bears senior vice president for marketing and communications Scott Hagel said in an email Tuesday afternoon a June 2 statement issued by the team said, "It's our responsibility to listen to other municipalities." Waukegan is now one of them.

"That holds true today," Hagel said, referring to the statement, indicating it is the team's responsibility to listen to Waukegan officials.

The Bears acquired the former Arlington International Race for $197 million with plans to build a stadium and large development there. Naperville recently began discussions with the team to locate in that suburb, and Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson said he will make an effort to keep the team in the city.

While the Bears will continue with the current demolition work in Arlington Heights, the team said in its statement it is talking to other municipalities about possible locations because of recent developments with the Arlington Heights location.

"The property's original assessment at five times the 2021 tax value, and the recent settlement with Churchill Downs for 2022 being three times higher, fails to reflect the property is not operational and not commercially viable in its current state," the team said in the statement.

While the Bears continue to consider locations other than Chicago or Arlington Heights, Lake County Partners President and CEO Kevin Considine said Waukegan is a place worthy of consideration. Halas Hall, the team's practice facility, is less than 15 miles away from the city's lakefront.

"From what we see, there are a number of potential sites for a Bears stadium in the Chicago area and Waukegan is absolutely one of them," Considine said. "We understand the Bears needs, and we have the ability to meet them. The Chicago Bears have been an important community partner in Lake County for a long time."

Along with a history of training in Lake County since the first Halas Hall was built on the campus of Lake Forest College in 1978, Taylor said in her letter Waukegan can offer the team an opportunity to continue to play along Lake Michigan which the other suburbs bidding to host the stadium cannot.

"We believe that the Monsters of the Midway deserve the opportunity to continue the tradition of playing along the shores of Lake Michigan, with the market opportunity of having a year-round facility capable of hosting other major events, including the Super Bowl, the Final Four and other events of an international scale," Taylor wrote in the letter."

Councilman: Traffic and safety concerns raised in Bears meeting

By Suzanne Baker
Naperville Sun

An aerial photo of the 178-acre former BP campus shows the east side of the property along North Washington Road in Naperville. It's possible this could be one location considered should the Bears propose building a new stadium in the city.
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Questions about traffic and public safety were raised in Naperville's second conversation with the Chicago Bears about building an NFL stadium in the city instead of Arlington Heights, Naperville City Councilman Benny White said.

White was part of an online meeting organized by Mayor Scott Wehrli with Bears representatives last week. He would not disclose who else was part of the session, how things were left or if a third meeting was planned.

The concept of Naperville as a possible alternative stadium location was broached by Naperville Mayor Scott Wehrli when he wrote a letter to the team and then held a June 2 in-person meeting with Bears President and CEO Kevin Warren. Wehrli has stressed that conversation was very preliminary.

White, a council liaison to the Naperville Development Partnership and senior council member, said his goal in the second meeting was to ask the questions residents have raised after news of the first meeting became public.

"My main concern was the impact of bringing 70,000 people to Naperville on a weekend and that includes the occasional concert," White said.

The number one complaint of residents is traffic, he said, "and this is definitely going to affect that."

With people tailgating before games and the consumption of alcohol, public safety is also an issue, he said. "Will we need to hire more police?" was one of the questions White said he asked.

The councilman didn't get into details about the team officials' responses other than to say the Bears mentioned that traffic studies would be conducted if a proposal was submitted.

"It's important to keep residents in the loop," White said, but at this point there are no plans to discuss.

"This might die on the vine," he said. "But it's always worth a listen."

The team, which has a contract to use Chicago's Soldier Field through 2033, purchased the former Arlington International Racecourse land in Arlington Heights for $197 million. They want to build their own stadium and reap the revenue from seat licenses, luxury suites, naming rights and other amenities, officials have said.

Bears' representatives have notified Arlington Heights that plans to build a stadium in the village are "at risk," in part because of the high property tax assessment from Cook County, and they are exploring other stadium location options.

Although no specific location in Naperville has been publicly discussed, Wehrli has said he wants to find ways to put underutilized commercial properties to work, especially those in the Interstate 88 Tollway corridor, which was once home to the research and development campuses of Bell Labs and Amoco.

The 178-acre former BP/Amoco campus property along Warrenville Road between Washington and Mill streets would easily be large enough to accommodate a stadium and parking. Located on the north side of the I-88 corridor, it would be accessible from I-88 exits at Naperville and Winfield roads.

White said if the Bears did submit concept plans, the city would fully vet the plan and obtain public feedback before any decision was made. "This is an unprecedented potential decision," he said.

The councilman also acknowledged that conversations the Bears are having with communities like Naperville could be something the team is using to leverage their negotiations with Arlington Heights.

"I get that they bought land in Arlington Heights. But I want to know, why are you looking elsewhere?" White said.

Chances are, those same issues would come up if plans were to switch to Naperville, he added.

White's concerns about traffic and public safety have been echoed by other councilmen.

"I can't imagine a scenario where a 75,000-seat stadium doesn't result in increased drunk driving fatalities, diversion of police resources and higher sales taxes," Councilman Ian Holzhauer said when questioned about the stadium idea last week.

Generations of Naperville leaders "sacrificed to build the 'best city in America to raise a family,' and I don't plan to gamble that away," he said.

Echoing the mayor, Councilman John McBroom said conversations with the Bears were spurred by concerns Naperville leaders have over the large underdeveloped properties in the I-88 tech corridor.

Developers have wanted to fill the BP property with warehouse and distribution facilities, something to which city officials and the Naperville Development Partnership are opposed.

McBroom said he doesn't want to read too much into the city's meetings with the Bears because it's likely the team is using them as a means of pressuring Arlington Heights. But he also doesn't want to shut the door to "a real conversation with the Bears either," he said.

"At this point, nobody would even know what the economics behind it would be or if it's even possible," McBroom said.

So many issues would have to be addressed if a stadium plan was submitted, such as the effects on Naperville's downtown, traffic and crime, he said.

"There's a lot of people up in arms right now (but) it's just a conversation," McBroom said.

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Migrants

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one-Zayas said cooperation with volunteers might be easier on a state level than a city level, according to the transcript and confirmed by attendees.

Pacione-Zayas, who recently resigned from the state Senate, did not return a phone call or emails for comment Tuesday.

Conditions inside shelters have reportedly become more crowded and unbearable over the months since Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, initially began sending migrants to Chicago, touting the city's "sanctuary" status as justification to bus families and children and pregnant women here by the hundreds.

Those inside shelters are forced to sleep "lined up almost like dead bodies," a migrant at a temporary shelter in Woodlawn told the Tribune over three weeks ago. And while dozens of volunteers have formed groups to bring meals and resources to people staying in police stations, they said it's been hard to provide substantive care because they aren't allowed inside any of the city shelters.

On Tuesday, volunteers who have developed friendships with migrants were visibly emotional as two CTA buses loaded with migrant families exited the parking lot of the shelter at High Ridge YMCA in West Ridge bound for a new shelter at Daley College in West Lawn. More than a dozen volunteers, members of 50th Ward United Working Families, waited for hours outside after hearing the families would be transferred.

Edgar Roa, a father of one who has been at the YMCA for more than a month, said he hopes the new space "is more spacious." Roa said he was thankful for those who have been helping ensure he and his fellow asylum-seekers had all their necessities while at the shelter.

"*Son muy buenas personas,*" he said in Spanish on a phone call as he rode a bus to the college. "They are good people."

Edgar Alexander Roa, 44, of Venezuela, carries his 4-year-old daughter, Paulet Morales, before the two are transferred by a CTA bus on Tuesday. **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The letter to the city from the volunteers was a cry to action, they said. Sent last Wednesday, it urges the city to work directly with the response team to address acute needs of new arrivals.

"As your team devises new strategies, sets policies, establishes processes, and spends millions of taxpayer dollars, you must rely on the extensive earned experience of this front line network," volunteers wrote.

Besides providing a list of hundreds of volunteers who have stepped up to help at various police stations, it details the numerous benchmarks they say the city has failed to meet in shelters in recent months: three regular meals a day, coordinated medical care, transparency, a system of reporting mistreatment and legal education.

"We plan on ensuring the city uses our firsthand knowledge as one of many voices poised to inform better care for both migrants and Chicago's unhoused," Britt Hodgdon, a response team volunteer at the 2nd and 3rd District stations, told the Tribune after the meeting. "To do this well, the city will have to learn to flex from some well-worn habits."

There are organized volunteer "leads" at all major shelters around the city, and volunteers hoped the meeting would help establish a credential system to allow a select few volunteers to enter and drop off food, medical resources and clothes inside for migrants. Many migrants haven't changed in weeks, are forced to sleep on the floor and are being given food in bad condition such as "moldy lunch meat," according to Heather Nichols, a member of the response team.

Multiple volunteers who watched the meeting said it left them feeling like the city has no real plan to use the $51 million recently approved by aldermen to spend on migrant care through June. The city is getting about $10.6 million and the state about $19.4 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to use toward shelter and services.

At a news conference Monday, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said his office is in direct communication with nonprofits in Texas that are sending asylum-seekers to Chicago.

"We're doing as much as we are asked to do, as much as we can do to try to provide help at the local level in the city so that people have food, clothing, shelter, the basic needs — health care — that they need," Pritzker said.

Pritzker acknowledged that this is a national problem that requires comprehensive sweeping immigration reform. In the meantime, he said, he has asked national authorities to at least help migrants get work permits.

Nichols said the meeting left her unsettled. She said while she appreciates Mayor Johnson's openness to talk to people on the ground doing real work with migrants, city officials "did not respond to our concern in any meaningful way."

She said the four city officials in attendance spent the majority of the hourlong meeting going over what is being done with contractors at different shelters around the city, and then when they did have time to briefly talk about solutions to volunteer concerns, they had none.

"The city of Chicago at the request of Mayor Brandon Johnson is working on a volunteer plan to grant access to individuals and organizations looking to provide programming and support to new arrivals," said Office of Emergency Management and Communications spokesperson Mary May in a statement to the Tribune before the meeting. "This will include a process to ensure all volunteers are background checked, vetted, and trained prior to interacting with families and adults inside of our shelters."

May confirmed only agencies with delegate or subdelegate contracts with city agencies are currently able to serve migrants inside shelters.

"The priority of our mission is to ensure new arrivals are safe and getting their needs met. We are looking forward to the opportunities that these new partnerships will bring for new arrivals and our shelter staff," the statement said.

According to the meeting transcript, city officials said that conversations between the city and volunteers will be ongoing. The city has reactivated community briefings every other week and the next briefing is June 26, according to the transcript.

Tim Noonan, a volunteer at the 22nd station, said a group of volunteers in his neighborhood organized a resource rollout effort during the pandemic, and it worked. They have a working blueprint ready to implement, he said, but they just aren't allowed to use it.

"Our community involvement doesn't cost (the city) anything. The community is picking up work so they don't have to," he said.

Tribune attempts to enter nine city-run shelters have all been met with pushback. Numerous volunteers from the response team said even those trying to get medical resources into city sites were chastised by security.

Noonan said he tried to donate air mattresses to a shelter at Piotrowski Park, but couldn't because there were 100 people sleeping shoulder to shoulder on the floor and the mattresses were too large to cram inside.

"It's a black box. You can't get in there," he said. "This is not the way to treat people. We're really treating these people like cattle," he said.

For now, volunteers continue to dish out hot meals on the sidewalks outside city-run shelters. At Inn of Chicago, the largest temporary shelter in the city, families lined up Monday evening to pick up donated warm containers of food from Chi-Care, a nonprofit that serves homeless communities across Chicago.

Faraz Sardharia, chef and owner of Tandoor Char House and executive committee member of Chi-Care, has been distributing meals to shelters around the city since early May, he said.

"The food migrants are getting is not nutritional. It's almost like prisoner food," he said.

On Tuesday morning at Inn of Chicago, response team member Sorsha Urquiza said she tried to deliver clothes to families at the shelter during her lunch break.

"I was immediately asked to leave by an employee," she said. "And they were very, very rude."

Urquiza said she has heard reports of migrants' phones being broken by employees, of women unable to access sanitary supplies, of families whose children are hungry because the food is too spicy and more. She finds it disturbing that she can't deliver basic needs, she said.

But there were signs by Tuesday afternoon that change was coming.

At Daley College, 50th Ward United Working Families member Matt Ginsberg-Jaeckle waited for the families to welcome them to their new home. Unlike at other shelters, he said his group was accredited by the city to be a part of the welcoming group, allowing them enter the college to help intake the newcomers.

Ginsberg-Jaeckle said he is grateful the administration is making moves to incorporate mutual aid as part of their plan even if progress is slow.

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Unions

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bis dispensaries to the steps of its vaunted museums. As of the end of last year, union filings in the Chicago area were up more than 17% over the prior year. Nationally, union campaigns have taken root at retail giants, including Starbucks, REI, Apple and Trader Joe's, as well as among graduate students at top U.S. universities and cultural workers at museums.

Many of the new faces on picket lines and sitting across bargaining tables are relatively young, and many of them are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

"People who are in the queer community are very comfortable in organizing spaces," said Tat Scott, 28, who works as an internship coordinator at the School of the Art Institute, where staff unionized in January 2022.

"We're used to advocating for ourselves, advocating for each other — in this case for our colleagues," said Scott, who is bisexual and a member of the bargaining committee for school staff, which is in negotiations with school management over their first union contract.

"Queer people have always fought for liberation," said Hunter Augustyniak, a barista and shift lead at Metropolis Coffee Co., where staff voted to unionize this spring.

"We have always fought for each other and making sure that each other is safe," they said, referencing mutual aid efforts during the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the face of governmental neglect, as well as more recent community efforts to curb the spread of Mpox.

Augustyniak, 23, said coffeehouses in particular, which are brewing a significant amount of union activity nationwide, are known to be "very queer spaces to work." Augustyniak said their job at Metropolis is their first at which they have felt comfortable telling co-workers they are transgender.

Chicago's union coffeehouses now include cafes run by Intelligentsia Coffee and Colectivo Coffee, where baristas are represented by the IBEW, and La Colombe, where staff are unionized with the United Food and Commercial Workers.

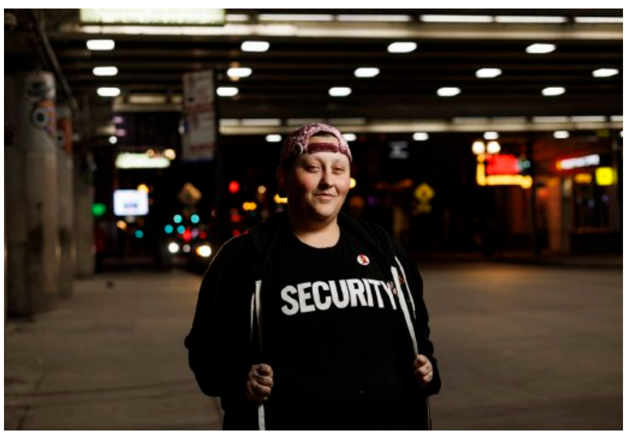
Last year, close to 14% of new union filings in the Chicago area came out of Starbucks cafes. The Starbucks union drive is "one of the queerest union campaigns I've ever seen," said Jerame Davis, executive director of Pride at Work, a national AFL-CIO constituency group for LGBTQ+ workers.

Starbucks has long presented itself as a progressive and pro-LGBTQ company, which some baristas said is what attracted them to work for the coffee giant in the first place.

"I wanted to work for a company where I felt like I was safe," said Shep Searl, who is nonbinary and has worked for Starbucks for close to seven years. Searl, who is on medical leave for chronic illness, usually works at a cafe in Edgewater that was among the first Starbucks in Chicago to unionize last spring.

Jordan Parshall is pictured on Aug. 8, 2022, in front of Intelligentsia's cafe in the Monadnock Building, where he is a shift lead. **RAQUEL ZALDÍVAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Howard Brown Health staffer Olivia Prager said since unionizing, staff have been able to push back against changes they disagree with. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Chelle Crotinger said unionizing is about creating a legacy at a time when homophobia and transphobia are "being enshrined into law." **ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

In the beginning of their Starbucks career, Searl said, the company mostly lived up to its reputation of being a supportive employer for queer people.

Searl said their store manager looked out for queer baristas — he would stand up for employees when they were misgendered by customers, for instance, and was supportive when Searl changed their name.

That changed, Searl said, after baristas at the cafe filed for a union election early last year.

In the months between the store's union filing and their election in May, Searl said Starbucks managers engaged in a campaign to discourage baristas from voting yes to form a union. (Starbucks spokesperson Andrew Trull said company leaders regularly visit stores in the lead-up to union elections "to help ensure compliance with the complex patchwork of U.S. labor law and to share factual information, including voting logistics with partners.")

Starbucks offers a range of gender affirming health care options — such as coverage for gender confirmation surgeries and hormone replacement therapy — to employees who work an average of at least 20 hours a week for six months, according to the company.

Searl says their manager told them that if they unionized, they might lose access to those benefits as well as tuition reimbursement they used to attend Arizona State University for free, another Starbucks benefit.

"'If you go with the union, they might not be able to protect you like we do. So if you choose the union, you know, you might lose your school. You might lose the potential to get your top surgery," Searl said, recounting their conversation. "And I remember that being one of the kind of repeated threats that was held over my head as well as the heads of a lot of the other trans people in our union."

"It was one of the first tools that was used, and it was so shocking to me because my manager had always been a very strong ally," they said.

Messages sent to Searl's manager were returned by Starbucks, which denies it has ever taken away or threatened to take away trans health benefits from union baristas.

"All partners enrolled in Starbucks health benefits have access to industry-leading gender-affirming care benefits regardless of organizing activity or representation status," Trull said, adding that company policies "strictly prohibit any retaliatory or threatening behavior directed toward partners who are interested in a union," including the making of threats or promises.

Over the course of the national union campaign, Starbucks has been found in violation of a range of labor laws by administrative law judges for the National Labor Relations Board. In Chicago, a decision last month found the company had illegally threatened baristas with the loss of benefits at two city stores, though neither is the store where Searl works.

Starbucks has appealed that decision, Trull said. A complaint issued by local labor board officials in New York alleges a manager at an Ithaca cafe threatened the loss of transgender health benefits if workers unionized; Starbucks also denies that allegation, which awaits a decision from a labor board judge, Trull said.

Staff members at Howard Brown Health, a federally qualified health center that specializes in serving LGBTQ patients throughout Chicago, unionized last August. Workers there walked off the job amid layoffs at the health center in January, and have alleged the layoffs were illegal in a filing with the NLRB, which remains under investigation. Howard Brown maintains that the workforce reduction of about 16% did not violate labor law, said associate communications director Wren O'Kelley.

Howard Brown workers raised concerns about what they described as understaffing and high turnover at the organization that affects patient care.

Olivia Prager, who works with patients with HIV and AIDS at Howard Brown, said that since unionizing, staff have gained the ability to push back against changes they disagree with at work. "In the past, we just had no protection," said Prager, who is a member of the staff bargaining committee.

Bridget Gordon, a diabetes care coordinator at Howard Brown's Uptown clinic, said she is concerned about threats to facilities that offer gender-affirming care. In Chicago, Lurie Children's Hospital increased security and moved a transgender youth support group to virtual meetings after being targeted online last year. Gordon said she believes clinics that offer gender-affirming care will soon need security infrastructure to a similar extent as abortion clinics.

"Staff at Howard Brown has been sounding the alarm over that for a while, and so far it's fallen on deaf ears," said Gordon, 40, who is also a member of the staff bargaining committee.

O'Kelley said there was "very much a robust effort" to address security concerns related to such threats, pointing to actions the clinic has taken such as taking down the photographs of providers of gender-affirming care from its website, as well as more stringent security in place at clinics that offer such services, especially those that serve minors.

O'Kelley acknowledged that restructuring at the organization in the aftermath of layoffs may have led to temporary reductions in services but said the organization has since "come back strong." Howard Brown is scheduling more appointments than it was last fall, O'Kelley said.

"We have done a lot to make sure that we're not losing patients from our care, that people aren't losing access, and that in the care that we're offering, that we're doing a better job of it," she said.

Gordon, who is transgender, said she first wanted to work at Howard Brown because she believed the clinic saves lives. She still believes deeply in its stated mission, she said. It's because of that belief that she got involved in organizing, she said, "because somewhere along the line the people who are making the decisions stopped caring."

Davis, of Pride at Work, said queer people watching anti-LGBTQ bills wind their way through legislatures in states such as Texas and Florida understand that their legal protections can be taken away "at the drop of the hat."

Labor unions have not always prioritized LGBTQ-specific issues, such as access to gender-affirming health care, Davis said. He said he has heard stories of LGBTQ issues being traded away during bargaining because they weren't considered high priority. Some unions with significant numbers of socially conservative members may feel they need to make compromises to appease their membership, Davis said, who may want the union to focus only on "bread and butter" issues: wages, benefits and working conditions.

But the landscape is shifting, Davis said — Pride at Work is getting more inquiries about contract language related to issues such as health care, discrimination and bathroom access as unions tackle those issues, some of them for the first time.

And though unions have not always prioritized LGBTQ issues, the gay labor movement stretches back decades, said Gerry Scoppettuolo, an instructor of labor and U.S. history at Cambridge College in Boston.

Scoppettuolo pointed to the alliance formed by the gay and labor communities in the Bay Area during the 1970s when the Teamsters were on strike against Coors beer distributors. Gay bars in San Francisco boycotted Coors, and unions pledged to include gay and lesbian protections in their contracts, Scoppettuolo said.

"That unity between the Teamsters union and the gay community signified the beginning of a movement, and it just grew from there," Scoppettuolo said.

Queer labor organizers today might see unionizing, and ultimately a union contract, as a way to lock in legal protections for themselves, Davis said. "Queer people see that proposition very clearly," he said.

That proposition resonates at Berlin, a mainstay of Northalsted nightlife that has long been a magnet for alternative queer communities in Chicago, where staff voted to unionize in April.

In addition to concerns about wages, sick time and working conditions, club employees pointed to safety concerns in the face of rising anti-LGBTQ, anti-trans and anti-drag legislation, rhetoric and violence.

"A lot of the big things that we are fighting for for our union are safety measures," said Leo Sampson, who works as a social media manager for Berlin and also performs drag at the club. Workers are seeking changes related to training and equipment for security as well as proper staffing levels, he said.

Chelle Crotinger, a member of the club's security staff, said that to them, unionizing is about creating a legacy at Berlin at a time when homophobia and transphobia are "being enshrined into law."

"To be able to create governmental protections and spaces and legacies that extend beyond us is one of the most important things that I think we can be doing right now," Crotinger said.

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Trump

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Former President Donald Trump stops at the Versailles restaurant in the Miami on Tuesday. Trump was booked earlier Tuesday on federal criminal charges that he illegally retained defense secrets and obstructed the government's efforts to reclaim the classified documents. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

He's sought to project confidence in the face of unmistakable legal peril, attacking the Justice Department special counsel who filed the case as "a Trump hater," pledging to remain in the race and scheduling a speech and fundraiser for Tuesday night at his Bedminster, New Jersey, club. He stopped on his way out of Miami at Versailles, an iconic Cuban restaurant in the city's Little Havana neighborhood where supporters serenaded Trump, who turns 77 years old Wednesday, with "Happy Birthday."

Even so, the gravity of the moment was clear.

Until last week, no former president had ever been charged by the Justice Department, let alone accused of mishandling top-secret information. The indictment unsealed last week charged Trump with 37 felony counts — many under the Espionage Act — that accuse him of illegally storing classified documents in his bedroom, bathroom, shower and other locations at Mar-a-Lago and trying to hide them from the Justice Department as investigators demanded them back. The charges carry a yearslong prison sentence in the event of a conviction.

Trump has relied on a familiar playbook of painting himself as a victim of political persecution. But Attorney General Merrick Garland, an appointee of President Joe Biden, sought to insulate the department from political attacks by handing ownership of the case to a special counsel, Jack Smith, who on Friday declared, "We have one set of laws in this country, and they apply to everyone."

Smith attended Tuesday's arraignment, sitting in the front row behind his team of prosecutors. The court appearance unfolded against the backdrop of potential protests, with some high-profile backers using barbed rhetoric to voice support. Trump himself encouraged supporters to join a planned protest Tuesday at the courthouse. Though city officials said they prepared for possible unrest around the courthouse, there were little signs of significant disruption.

While Trump was not required to surrender a passport — prosecutor David Harbach said he was not considered a flight risk, a likely recognition of his status as a presidential candidate — he was directed to not have any personal contact with any witnesses in the case. That includes Walt Nauta, his valet and close aide, who was indicted last week on charges that he moved boxes of documents at Trump's direction and misled the FBI about it. He did not enter a plea Tuesday because he did not have a local lawyer with him.

The magistrate judge presiding at the arraignment directed Trump not to discuss the case with any witnesses, including Nauta, but said they can discuss work. Even for a man whose post-presidential life has been defined by criminal investigations, the documents probe stands out because of the volume of the evidence prosecutors had seemed to amass and the severity of the allegations.

A federal grand jury in Washington had heard testimony for months, but the Justice Department filed it in Florida, where Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort is located and where many of the alleged acts of obstruction occurred. Though Trump appeared Tuesday before a federal magistrate, the case has been assigned to a District Court judge he appointed, Aileen Cannon, who ruled in his favor last year in a dispute over whether an outside special master could be appointed to review the seized classified documents. A federal appeals panel ultimately overturned her ruling.

It's unclear what defenses Trump is likely to invoke as the case moves forward. Two of his lead lawyers announced their resignation the morning after his indictment, and the notes and recollections of another attorney, M. Evan Corcoran, are cited repeatedly throughout the 49-page charging document, suggesting prosecutors envision him as a potential key witness.

Race

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into downtown from the north, the Kennedy Expressway. As part of the first year of a three-year rehab of 7 ½ miles of the highway, two southbound lanes are closed to traffic, and the reversible express lanes in the center of the highway are open only in the inbound, or southbound, direction.

City officials are encouraging drivers to take alternate routes, walk, bike or take public transportation to reach downtown, and they said Metra and CTA would provide additional service during the NASCAR race. Still, they cautioned that drivers should expect delays and, potentially, increased traffic on local streets.

"It makes the cost of the closures seem greater than the benefits of a car race," said Joseph Schwieterman, director of DePaul University's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development.

The 12-turn, 2.2-mile race along the first street course in NASCAR history will have drivers starting in front of Buckingham Fountain and navigating closed-off stretches of DuSable Lake Shore Drive and South Michigan Avenue. The event is expected to draw 100,000 attendees, and NASCAR estimates it could generate more than $3 million in tax revenue for the city in 2023.

But Schwieterman said the effects of the road closures could linger. People might not be following the day-by-day closure updates, and instead might decide to simply avoid driving near downtown for an extended period of time.

The closures also build on a variety of other driving challenges motorists have faced. Road traffic increased during the pandemic, especially on weekends and evenings, and truck traffic, especially, is high on the city's expressways, Schwieterman said. Factor in other road construction projects around town, and the costs of the closures add up, he said.

The good news is that the closures are in a part of the city easily accessible by public transit, he said. But many drivers use DuSable Lake Shore Drive to pass through downtown on their way elsewhere, and transit might not be a viable option for those traveling at night or heading to or from some suburbs, Schwieterman said.

"The effects could extend beyond the period when the roads are actually closed," he said.

Workers continue construction in preparation for the NASCAR Chicago Street Race at the corner of Columbus Drive and Ida B. Wells Drive on June 13. **EILEEN T. MESLAR/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Parking restrictions, road closures and CTA bus reroutes in and around Grant Park are being put in place throughout June. Among the most significant of the closures will be DuSable Lake Shore Drive, where traffic will be limited beginning at the end of the month.

The southbound lanes of the major lakefront thoroughfare will close from Randolph Street to the Museum Campus beginning June 28. Lane reductions will extend farther: Traffic will be reduced to two lanes at North Avenue, then to one lane at Chicago Avenue.

Downtown traffic will be directed to exit at Michigan Avenue, and through traffic will be directed to exit at Grand Avenue. Between Grand and Randolph, only local traffic will be allowed.

Northbound DuSable Lake Shore Drive will be closed along the same downtown stretch beginning July 1. Traffic will be reduced to two lanes at 47th Street, then one lane near 31st Street. Northbound traffic will be required to exit at I-55.

Access will remain open to Navy Pier and the Field Museum, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium and other attractions on the Museum Campus, but some have adjusted their hours.

To access the museums, drivers must reach either DuSable Lake Shore Drive south of downtown, or arrive via I-55. From DuSable Lake Shore Drive, they can exit the northbound lanes at 31st Street, then take Fort Dearborn Drive along the lakefront to 18th Street. Those heading to the museums from I-55 can take DuSable Lake Shore Drive north and exit at 18th Street.

The northbound lanes are expected to reopen July 1, and the southbound lanes are anticipated to reopen by July 4. All other roads are expected to reopen between July 2 and July 13.

Visitors to downtown will have other ways to get around. The Lakefront Trail and an underpass through Grant Park will remain open to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Several CTA bus routes will be affected by the street closures but will be rerouted and include stops near the racecourse, CTA spokeswoman Maddie Kilgannon said. Work on the CTA Blue Line that had tracks closed many weekends this spring along a stretch of the Northwest Side has been completed and trains are once again running along the full stretch of the O'Hare branch of the line.

But drivers hoping for a reprieve from the Kennedy Expressway construction will be out of luck.

The Illinois Department of Transportation said it cannot reopen lanes on the highway because of "the nature of the ongoing repairs being completed."

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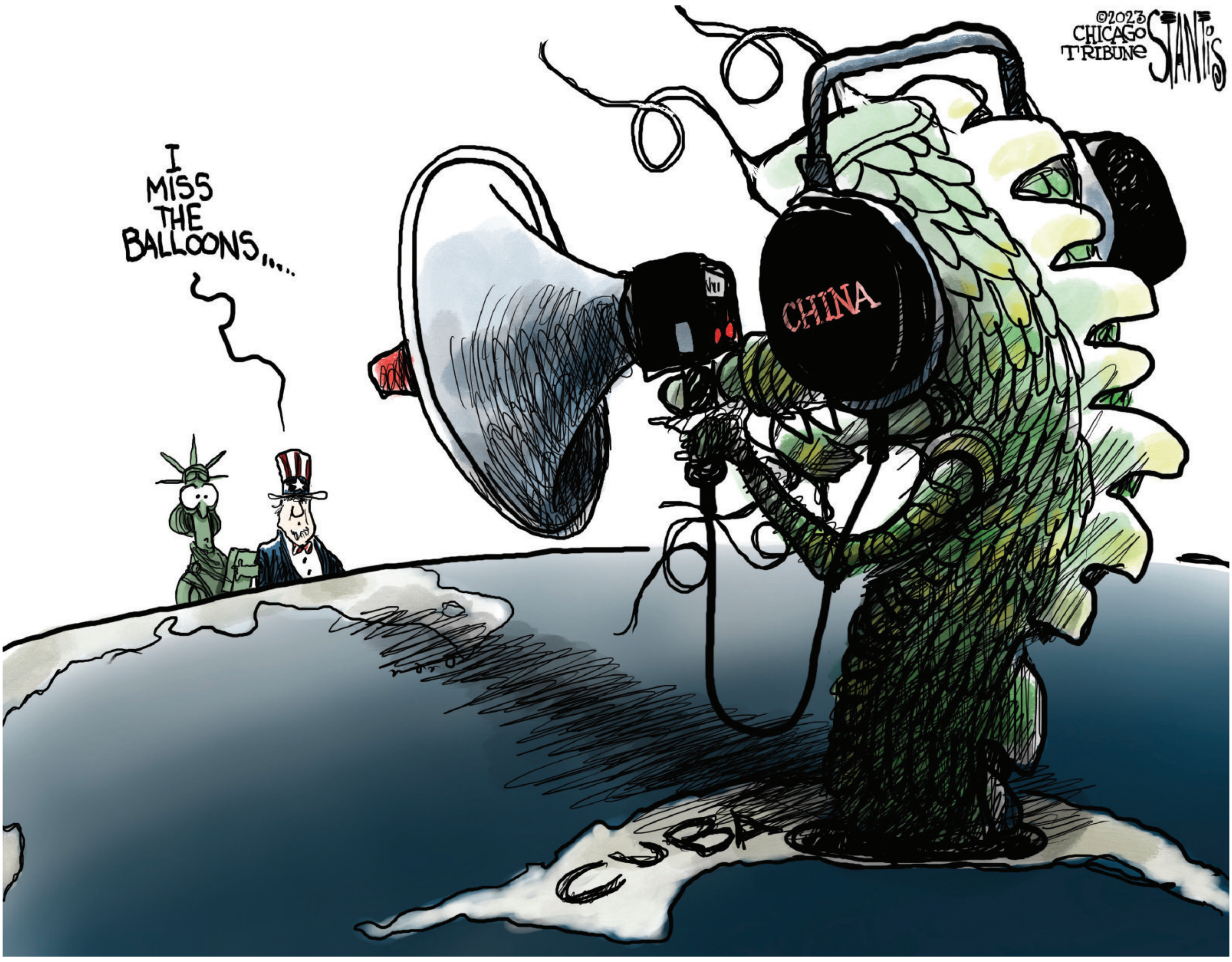

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China and Cuba are getting closer. Now is the time for Biden to reengage with Havana.

Few countries in the Western Hemisphere have evoked for Americans the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine as much as has Cuba. For years, the Soviets used the island nation 103 miles off the coast of Florida as a listening post, and, in 1962, they brought the world to the brink of existential conflict by secretly placing nuclear ballistic missiles on the island.

Today, America's most worrisome unwelcome guest in the Caribbean is China. And that's also true elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere.

Beijing has been using Cuba as a spy base since 2019, the White House said last week. The Biden administration's statement was aimed at refuting a Wall Street Journal report that China was planning to build a new listening post in Cuba, though, given the history, it's anything but comforting to know that Beijing has been eavesdropping on the U.S. from close range for the last four years.

China's spy shop in Cuba is far more worrying than spy balloons over Montana. Unlike the U.S., Beijing does not have overseas military bases dotting the world. China's desire, however, for a much broader global military presence burns brightly, and its espionage activities in Cuba could serve as a springboard for a permanent military installation on the island.

Establishing a network of military bases makes sense when you consider China's ceaseless push to expand its economic might across the globe. In Latin America, that means safeguarding its investments in energy, farming and mining. Those interests include one of the world's most sought-after commodities — lithium, a critical component for electric vehicle batteries. China has secured a deal to tap into lithium deposits in Bolivia, one of the world's biggest sources of the metal.

An old car passes by the U.S. Embassy in Havana on May 26. **YAMIL LAGE/GETTY-AFP**

China isn't the only global player that has rankled the U.S. with efforts to establish a military presence off the coast of Florida.

In the lead-up to the invasion of Ukraine in early 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin threatened to deploy military assets in Cuba as a response to U.S. talk of sanctions, which Washington and its Western allies eventually imposed anyway. Though Putin ordered the shutdown of the Soviet-era Lourdes electronic surveillance station in Cuba in 2001, he at times has threatened to establish a greater presence in Latin America for what he regards as NATO's aggression toward Moscow.

In the Western Hemisphere, however, Chinese President Xi Jinping is the one to worry about, not Putin. Both economically and militarily, China looms as the more worrisome threat to U.S. interests. The U.S. can expect China to step up spying from Cuba, and must ensure sensitive American targets are adequately firewalled.

But there's also a diplomatic approach that the Biden administration should pursue — one that the president should know all too well.

One of the smartest foreign policy moves that Biden's former boss, Barack Obama, made was to reengage Havana. Obama used his executive powers to allow the reopening of embassies in each other's countries, resume commercial flights, ease restrictions on U.S. computer and telecommunications technology to Cuba and recharge the island's tourism industry with visiting Americans.

Obama recognized the value of ending America's long-standing policy of isolating Havana — it didn't make much sense when the rest of the world freely traded with Cuba. And while his administration was all too aware that the Castro regime continued to muzzle dissent and run roughshod over human rights, there was an awareness that a new generation of leaders would eventually take over in Havana, and that economic engagement would yield better results than disconnection, both for U.S. interests and for the Cuban people.

When Donald Trump took over the White House, he undid Obama's normalization of relations with Havana and reimposed tougher sanctions on Cuba. The hope that Cubans had for a move toward democratic ideals through the vehicle of commerce and dialogue with the U.S. disappeared.

A Biden commitment to proactively returning to a policy of engagement with Havana would rekindle the aspirations of everyday Cubans for a better, freer life. It would discourage dangerous makeshift boat voyages to Florida by desperate Cuban migrants who find no cause for hope at home. And it would make Havana think twice about allowing Beijing to exploit Cuba's proximity to the U.S. coastline.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken is slated to fly to Beijing June 18 to meet with senior Chinese officials. We wouldn't be surprised if Blinken raises with China's leadership U.S. opposition to Beijing's spy station in Cuba.

But rekindling engagement with Cuba is another way to get at the problem, and it could pay bigger dividends — for both Havana and Washington.

ABOUT TRASHING THE BILL OF RIGHTS

The Fourth Amendment protects Americans from "unreasonable searches and seizures" by the government, acknowledging the "right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects." It is a bedrock principle of the Bill of Rights. But a survey released this month reveals that an astonishing number of Americans, particularly younger Americans, would be comfortable throwing this fundamental protection on the ash heap of history.

The Cato Institute recently conducted a poll of 2,000 adults and included the question: "Would you favor or oppose the government installing surveillance cameras in every household to reduce domestic violence, abuse and other illegal activity?" It found 75% of respondents were against such an outrageous intrusion. But 14% approved and 10% "didn't know." Holy, George Orwell.

But it gets worse. Breaking down the responses, Cato discovered that a whopping 29% of those between the ages of 18 and 29, and 20% of those aged 30 to 44 gave a thumbs-up to the concept of the government putting cameras in private residences to monitor potential wrongdoing.

Perhaps this isn't surprising, given the intolerance many younger Americans today show for the First Amendment and the concept of free speech. Those ubiquitous electronic devices have also eroded privacy expectations. Yet it's nevertheless horrifically distressing that a significant number of those in Gen Z demonstrate such an utter lack of appreciation for individual liberty and freedom while increasingly embracing collectivism and the inevitable authoritarianism it breeds. ...

At the same time, the U.S. Department of Education announced last month that eighth-grade test scores in U.S. history and civics fell to their lowest level on record in 2022. Might that help explain why so many young adults would happily escort their government overlords inside their own homes to install the surveillance cameras?

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OPINION

Trump's in trouble, and the lame excuses are flying

Clarence Page

Former President Donald Trump arrives at Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey after being arraigned on 37 counts related to his handling of classified documents on Tuesday. **DOUG MILLS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Some of the fiercest attacks against Donald Trump's handling of classified documents came from Trump himself, especially in barbs aimed at Hillary Clinton.

That's why in the indictment, Justice Department special counsel Jack Smith cited some of Trump's own speeches from his 2016 election campaign to show in easy-to-grasp form how seriously — or unseriously the former president took the task of keeping the nation's official secrets secret.

"As a candidate for president of the United States," the indictment recounts, "Trump made the following public statements, among others, about classified information:

"On August 18, 2016, Trump stated, 'In my administration I'm going to enforce all laws concerning the protection of classified information. No one will be above the law.'

"On September 6, 2016, Trump stated, 'We also need to fight this battle by collecting intelligence and then protecting, protecting our classified secrets. ... We can't have someone in the Oval Office who doesn't understand the meaning of the word confidential or classified.

"On November 3, 2016, Trump stated, "Service members here in North Carolina have risked their lives to acquire classified intelligence to protect our country."

After quoting those examples and others, the 37-count indictment offers a richly detailed narrative to back up its accusations that Trump illegally committed "willful retention" of classified government records — and in a sloppy fashion at that.

The case has sparked predictable controversy on all sides, as Trump usually does. But this new scandal has opened up rounds of speculation over a simple question: Why did Trump do what he is alleged to have done?

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When asked, his responses boil down to the equivalent of a one-word answer from a petulant child: *Mine!*

Yet, compared with Trump's earlier scandals, he has not left his apologists much material to work with in their attempts to excuse or distract us from the remarkably compelling allegations against him.

As a result, the immediate response to news of Trump's indictment generated waves of sound bites from Republicans that begin with the question, "What about ...?"

In this case, we immediately heard "What about Hillary Clinton's home-brewed email server or the classified documents that turned up in Presidents Joe Biden's house — and former Vice President Mike Pence's house, for that matter?"

All three were in possession of classified documents, but from there the stories followed paths that were quite different. Back when the investigation into Trump became public, Biden's team and Pence's campproactively searched their records, found a few documents with markings and turned them over to the government. Last week officials announced Pence would not be charged.

In Biden's case, Attorney General Merrick Garland named a special counsel and the exact status of his investigation remains unclear.

Clinton's email controversy won't go away, either, at least not in the right-wing info-sphere. Yet the contrast between the cooperation offered by Biden and Clinton, versus the stonewalling by Trump, speaks volumes.

Even former Attorney General Bill Barr, once famously an apologist for Trump, differentiated this investigation from other Trump probes in an appearance on Fox News Sunday.

"This idea of presenting Trump as a victim here, a victim of a witch hunt, is ridiculous," Barr said. "Yes, he's been a victim in the past. Yes, his adversaries have obsessively pursued him with phony claims. I have been at his side defending against them when he is a victim. But this is much different. He is not a victim here. He was totally wrong that he had the right to have those documents. Those documents are among the most sensitive secrets the country has."

Indeed. As much as Trump might think he can pick and choose what he wants to claim as his own, the rest of us still have something to say about that.

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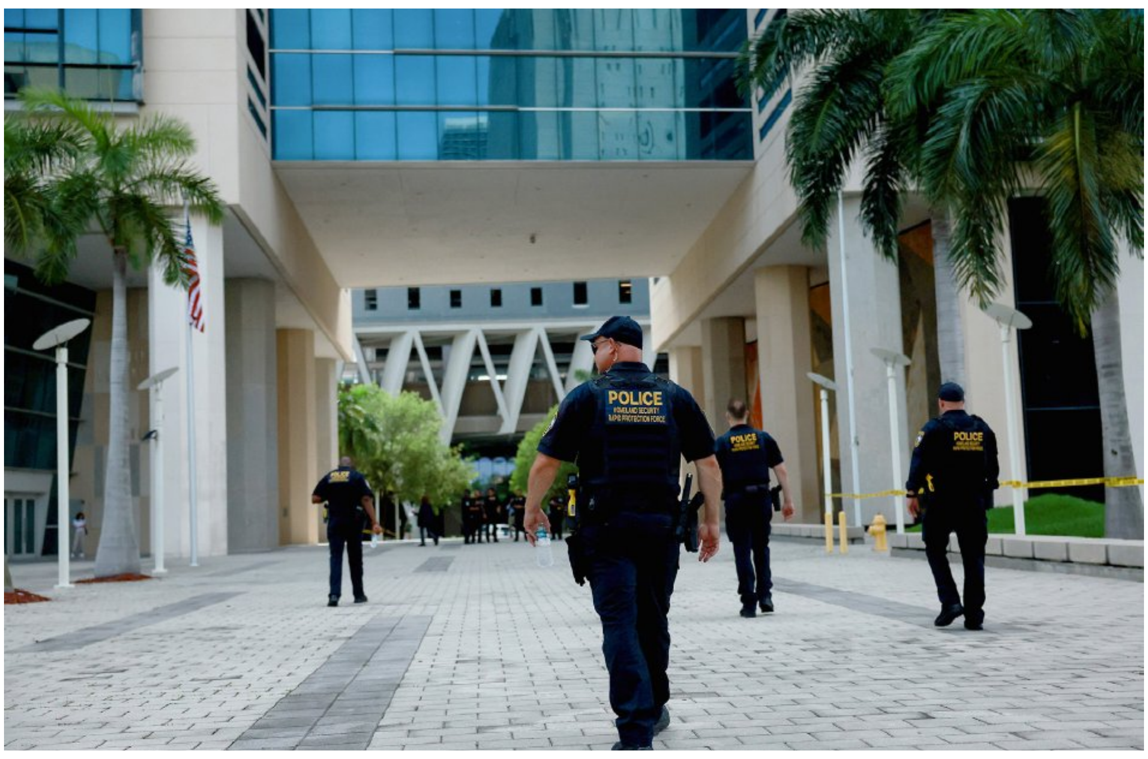
Our country needs cameras in the courtroom during Trump's trial

By Victor Shi



Department of Homeland Security police walk around the Ferguson U.S. Courthouse on Monday in anticipation of the arraignment of former President Donald Trump in Miami. **JOE RAEDLE/GETTY**

The country is living through history with the first-ever federal indictment of a former president. A grand jury of Miami residents charged Donald Trump with 37 federal counts, ranging from the willful retention of national defense information to obstruction of justice. Given the unprecedented situation the nation is witnessing, it only reinforces why we must cover it in the right way.

At its core, what the federal indictment shows is that a former president thought he was above the law. Recorded conversations between Trump and his lawyers reveal that he knowingly kept classified information and failed to turn it over when asked. The indictment sends a message to the country that no one — even the former president — can escape justice and accountability.

What happens next is arguably more important, though. Now that Trump has been arraigned at a federal courthouse in Miami and pleaded not guilty, the federal judge overseeing the case, Aileen Cannon, will begin the trial process in which witnesses will be brought in front of a jury of ordinary citizens. Lawyers for Trump and the special counsel's team will present their evidence. Witnesses will be cross-examined. And jurors will ultimately determine whether Trump is guilty.

Under current rules, however, Americans will not be able to see this process unfold. Federal officials remain very resistant to allowing cameras inside courtrooms. And, even when cameras have been permitted, it has been for narrowly specific purposes, such as investitures, naturalization or other ceremonial proceedings.

Those opposed to cameras in the courtroom believe allowing them could make lawyers more nervous or sway jurors. While such an argument is legitimate, this case is different. If we care about showing the world that we are a nation where no one is above the law, then there must be an exception for the trial of the United States v. Donald J. Trump. Televising and livestreaming Trump's trial will send a strong message that our justice system still works, that not even former presidents can skirt our laws.

And even more important? Putting cameras in the courtroom could spur an entire generation of young people to pay attention and become more active participants in our democracy.

Lest we forget, last year, the Johnny Depp-Amber Heard defamation trial was televised and livestreamed, and the number of people who watched it was jaw-dropping. On YouTube alone, the trial amassed nearly 84 million hours watched, with 3.5 million peak viewers at one point. More people tuned into that trial than any other livestream happening on YouTube at the time. In short, people tuned in — and more young people talked about that trial than I could've ever imagined.

Certainly, the Depp-Heard trial is different from Trump's trial — they are big-name actors and celebrities. But by televising and livestreaming the court proceedings, young people, who otherwise would have not watched a trial, tuned in and paid attention. Not only will the same happen for Trump's case, but also, doing so is far more important for our democracy and shaping a civically engaged generation.

For one, young people are on social media more than any other generation, with more than 95% of us using at least one social media platform. Permitting cameras in the courtroom will reach millions of young people. And when young people see Trump — a former president and the leading contender for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination — they will see a legal system that is doing exactly what it was meant to do. Just like the jurors inside the courtroom, young people will hear the evidence, they will see Trump take the stand and they will discuss it with their peers.

In addition, allowing cameras in the courtroom for U.S. v. Trump — and, hopefully, one day in other federal court cases too — could mark an important step to restoring trust in our courts. To date, nearly half of young people say they have "little confidence" in our justice system, according to a national poll released by Harvard University's Institute of Politics. That number increased especially after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, but the lack of trust also is a result of there being little transparency in courtrooms. Although livestreaming the Trump trial won't completely repair the damage to people's perception of our legal system, it will demonstrate to young people that even people with tremendous wealth, privilege and power can't run away from justice and accountability.

In the coming days, weeks and months, there will be a lot of talk about Trump's indictment. Those on the right are shouting that it's a witch hunt, that Democrats are out to get the former president. But at a time when facts mean less and less to an increasing number of Americans, allowing the entire country to see the truth come out in the courtroom is not only necessary but also needed.

Allowing Americans to directly view the proceedings of this case would not only send a strong message about the rule of law, but it also could spark the type of change and civic awareness that our country so desperately needs.

For the good of our country and future generations, allow cameras to be in the courtroom for the United States v. Donald J. Trump.

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OPINION

A bell from Transfiguration of Our Lord Catholic Church, which is being demolished in the Lincoln Square neighborhood. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

A church for the faithful becomes houses for the affluent

By Michele Steele

It was a cold but sunny day in October 1988, and my friend Barbara knew exactly who was going to be president.

"My parents are going to vote for Michael Dukakis," she said matter-of-factly as we waited for Mrs. Maglaras, the school secretary, to open the front door of our school to let us in. "He's going to win because he's Greek."

Who else could it be but Dukakis? Barbara wasn't the only one — Ari, Cindy, Nick, Jerry, all their parents were voting for him, too. From my vantage point, Dukakis would have won in a landslide had the election been held at the corner of Carmen and Rockwell. The guys at Hubs down the street on Lincoln Avenue had Dukakis signs in the window. It was a sure thing.

Judging by the number of first-generation Greek American students at our school, you wouldn't be wrong to think we went to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church. Indeed, there was a not insignificant gang of Greek kids who walked to St. D's after the final bell so they could, we presumed, tell their alphas from their omegas at Greek School.

Greeks were prominent, but they were far from the only immigrants who sent their kids to Transfiguration School, a little Catholic school attached to a little Catholic church, the Transfiguration of Our Lord, that welcomed immigrants from its very founding in 1911. Back then, a group of devout Polish worshipers didn't really want to be a part of the German church to the south or the Irish church to the north. They wanted to be a part of their own place. And so Transfiguration was born.

The Poles came and got a little money together, then scattered, some to other parts of the city and a few to the 'burbs. Then the Greeks came. Same story. The Mexicans and the South and Central Americans and the Filipinos told their friends, and they told their friends to go to the smallest church in the neighborhood. They'd be welcome. Transfiguration was one of the first churches in the area to do a Mass in Spanish for the newly arrived. Eventually, they added a mass in Tagalog. It became the place you went when you were trying to get on your feet, and hopefully a foothold, in a new country.

After the school closed in the early aughts, the church held on for a respectable 15 more years — and eventually that closed too. Not for a lack of the faithful but a lack of funds. There were two other parishes within a half-mile that would take in the unchurched orphans, and besides, the land was too valuable. The communities that built Lincoln Square inadvertently created some prime real estate along the way — gone is the neighborhood where living next to the Brown Line actually lowered your property values.

Now, it's bike shops and nice restaurants, and the formerly cut-rate movie theater hosts birthday parties for parents who have the money to rent an entire theater for their 8-year-old. At least we still have a movie theater.

It's a "good' neighborhood now. And the land that Transfiguration once occupied will be turned into about a dozen single-family homes, where, in an area that was zoned for and still is largely home to two- and three-flats, the starting price of a new house there is $1.35 million. Talk to me about the zoning on that one.

This week is the one I dreaded: the physical building, Transfiguration of Our Lord, is being torn down. I held out hope that the building that had welcomed and taken care of so many would be preserved. At the very least, I hoped that the land that nourished thousands of families would house a few more of them in the middle of a nationwide affordable housing crisis. But why build homes for two or three families when you can get rich selling a house to just one?

So the fences have gone up, and the building is coming down.

The Polish families that etched their names into the stained glass are no longer. The classroom where we learned civics from Mr. Jakubow — who taught his students that power was derived from "We the People," and we kids, many from throughout the world, thought we were those "People" — it'll be rubble soon.

We're still the People.

We just have one less place to go.

Michele Steele is a lifelong resident of Lincoln Square. She was a member of Transfiguration of Our Lord and St. Matthias parishes before they closed and is currently a parishioner at Queen of Apostles Catholic Church.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Tribute to 'Walking Man'

Thank you so much to journalist Christy Gutowski for the absolutely wonderful in-depth story she did on Joseph Kromelis ("Remembering 'The Walking Man,' " June 11). She had me in tears well before I reached the end of her story. What a thorough and beautiful tribute to a quiet and kind man whom many of us tried to watch over for years.

Gutowski painted such a kind portrait of the relation Sister Paul Wilson and Kromelis had during his last few months. I am relieved to know he allowed someone to be at his side. Thank you for taking the time to write an incredible piece of journalism.

— Catherine Smith, Chicago

Humanity of common people

Who do I see about nominating Christy Gutowski's front-page story for a Pulitzer Prize? "Remembering 'The Walking Man' " works on so many levels; it's just a matter of which one the reader chooses to focus on.

I get all these tags here without breaking a sweat: Joseph Kromelis, post-World War II Lithuanian immigrant families, Little Sisters of the Poor, local urban legends, South Side, the Loop, Maxwell Street, documentary filmmakers, street peddlers, public safety, mental health and homelessness. Perhaps we should add "fashion sense" and "sensible shoes." All the people in the story support a nonjudgmental and compassionate narrative building around the almost inconceivable individuality and physical energy of Kromelis.

The humanity of common people in an adversely impersonal environment is what I select as a takeaway message here. And I thank the Tribune for making my day with that.

— Tom Gregg, Niles

A compassionate account

Hats off and many thanks to Christy Gutowski for her wonderful, moving tribute to Joseph Kromelis, Chicago's "Walking Man."

Kromelis captured my imagination from my earliest days in Chicago in the late 1970s. His omnipresence was a source of intrigue that later turned into a source of pride, as a Chicago icon.

Joseph Kromelis, then 69, makes his way south on State Street near Madison Street on Aug. 8, 2016. **CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

I've always read anything I've found about Walking Man but feel as if I've finally read the most thorough, compassionate account of this gentle man's soul. It gives me a sense of closure.

— Dan Coha, Wilmette

Pass law in Kromelis' name

Joseph Kromelis, the legendary "Walking Man" who was brutally set on fire allegedly by a man with prior convictions, should be remembered by the passage of a law in his name that would put a limit on how many times a violent career criminal can be set free only to do violence again.

Society needs to say to violent people that they've ruined enough lives and they will remain incarcerated for a very long time, kind of like the "three strikes and you're gone" law.

— Howard Kirschner, Morton Grove

SROs quickly disappearing

In reading the excellent article about the life of Chicago's "Walking Man," Joseph Kromelis, I was struck by how he ended up homeless and sleeping on the street. His single-room occupancy, or SRO, residence had been torn down so that upscale condos could be built. Either he couldn't find another SRO that he could afford, or perhaps he was too disoriented from the deaths of his siblings to undertake a difficult search.

There are several types of housing that existed in the last century that are almost gone and need to come back, and SROs are one of them. There will always be a subset of men who do not follow the usual trajectory of work, family, homeownership, etc. These men, either through slight mental illness or simply marching to a different drummer, will never earn enough money to pay the kind of rents charged in the big city. SROs provide the benefit of a private room with a locking door. Not all rooms have a private bath; each floor may have a toilet room and a shower room. For an extra charge, they could have regular cleaning.

A friend in California whose son is schizophrenic and medicated lives in a place such as this. Her constant fear is that it will be torn down for condos, and all the highly vulnerable residents will be on their own. This keeps her up at night.

SROs are the alternative to institutions and homelessness. They are far less costly to build since each room does not need its own bathroom, only its own wash basin. Empty buildings could be repurposed for this use.

Also in the last century, single women could find safety and camaraderie in similar residences. A friend in New York lived in the Webster for years after a messy divorce. She had a lovely room, shared bathroom facilities and could eat meals with other women in a cafeteria. The Webster was torn down to make room for condos.

And whatever happened to rooming houses? People who had trouble paying taxes on their large houses would often take in boarders, who were usually single and either couldn't afford housing or preferred not to have the responsibility.

All that is gone in our affluent world. Now you either have the money to live free and well, or you stay with your parents, or — when those options disappear — you live on the street.

— Sharon Novickas, Chicago

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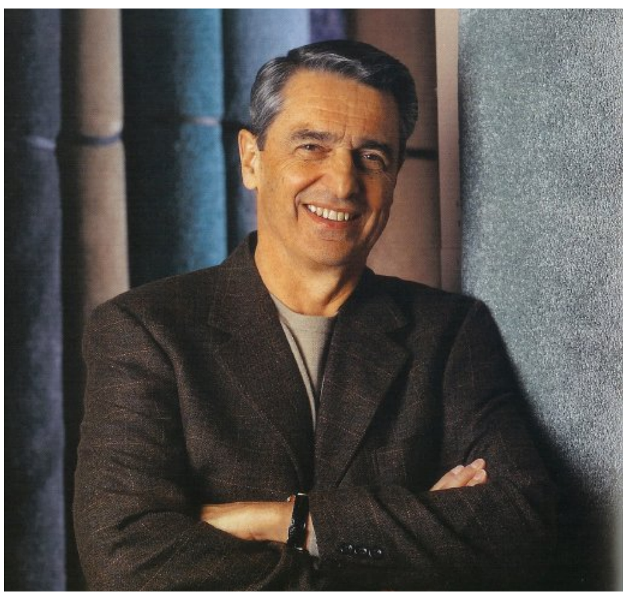
OBITUARIES

ROBERT HILL 1936-2023

Business owner co-founded spinal injury support group for families

By Bob Goldsborough
For Chicago Tribune


Robert Hill founded Floor Covering Associates. **RONA TALCOTT**

Robert A. Hill founded Shorewood-based Floor Covering Associates in 1976 and oversaw growth that made it the nation's ninth-largest flooring company, while also co-founding with his wife a Chicago-based nonprofit group that supports families dealing with spinal cord injuries.

"Bob always did the right thing, which was the honest, the forthright and the fair thing," said Brien Nagle, an attorney for Floor Covering Associates and Hill personally.

Hill, 86, died of heart failure May 1 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, said his wife, retired TV producer Thea Flaum. He had been a Near North Side resident.

Born in Oakland, California, Hill received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of California at Berkeley in 1958 and then served in the Army as a medic. After his military service, he took a job in the floor covering department of Western Contract Furnishers in San Francisco.

"He was a born salesman," his wife said.

Hill moved to New York as a sales manager for Commercial Carpet Corp. and then for a company called Sponge Cushion. In the early 1970s, he relocated to Naperville, where he was vice president of franchise operations for Carpetland.

In 1976, Hill founded Floor Covering Associates and opened his first store in the middle of a cornfield in Plainfield. He eventually expanded the company to include retail stores selling carpeting, hardwood flooring, ceramic tile, window treatments and some furniture. The firm also has a nationwide buying group and an online business called Efloors.com, which he launched in 1999.

"I've known Bob and have been the beneficiary of his wisdom and unrelenting desire to make our industry better to improve people's lives for over 43 years," said Olga Robertson, president of FCA Network, a buying group for independent retailers that Hill founded. "Bob had a unique ability to recognize talent, and he saw something in me that even I didn't see and gave me the opportunity to shine."

In 1986, Hill's daughter, Vicki, suffered a spinal cord injury while diving in a swimming pool, and she became quadriplegic. Seeking a way to move forward, Hill and Flaum first sought information on how to deal with both their daughter's condition and its effect on the family.

"We knew from our family's own experience how traumatic a spinal cord injury is not only for the person who, of course, is injured but for the whole family," Flaum said. "One day you're leading your normal life and the next day a family member is injured and as far as we know now, paralyzed for life. And coping with that involves the whole family. So we decided to connect families who suddenly have to deal with a spinal cord injury to people like them who have already been there."

The couple formed the Hill Foundation, which Flaum continues to manage, to provide support and information to families dealing with spinal cord injuries. Their website, FacingDisability.com, contains more than 100 video interviews with family members answering questions about how they cope, as well as interviews with top spinal cord injury experts on important medical subjects.

Hill never retired from Floor Covering Associates. Outside of work, he was interested in everything from astrophysics and computer programming to anthropology and classical music.

"He was always interesting and never boring," Flaum said.

A first marriage ended in divorce. In addition to his wife, Hill is survived by two daughters, Vicki Kowaleski and Miranda Kotarac; a stepson, Jonathan Flaum; a stepdaughter, Alison Flaum; two brothers, Dennis and Arthur; five grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren;

A private service is being planned.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JUNE 14 ...

In 1775, the Continental Army was founded.

In 1777 the Continental Congress adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

In 1801 Benedict Arnold, the former Revolutionary War general-turned-traitor, died in London; he was 60.

In 1811 Harriet Beecher Stowe, author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was born in Litchfield, Conn.

In 1855 Robert La Follette, a Wisconsin populist who would become that state's governor and later a U.S. senator, was born in Primrose, Wis.

In 1922 President Warren Harding became the first president to be heard on radio as Baltimore station WEAR carried his speech dedicating the Francis Scott Key Memorial at Fort McHenry.

In 1928 Marxist theoretician and Latin American guerrilla leader Ernesto "Che" Guevara was born in Rosario, Argentina. Also in 1928 the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for president on the first ballot.

In 1940 German forces entered Paris in World War II. Also in 1940 the Nazis opened their notorious Auschwitz concentration camp in German-occupied Poland.

In 1946 Donald Trump, the 45th president of the United States, was born in New York.

In 1954 President Dwight Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1982 Argentine forces in the Falkland Islands surrendered to British troops at Stanley.

In 1985, beginning a 17-day ordeal aboard a TWA jetliner, two Lebanese Shiite Muslim gunmen seized Flight 847 shortly after its takeoff from Athens. (Hours later, the hijackers killed U.S. Navy diver Robert Stethem, 23, after the plane landed in Beirut.)

In 1993 President Bill Clinton chose Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the Supreme Court.

In 1994 the New York Rangers won hockey's Stanley Cup for the first time in 54 years as they defeated the Vancouver Canucks at Madison Square Garden.

In 1999 the Supreme Court opened the door to full broadcast advertising of casino gambling, ruling a federal ban aimed at protecting compulsive gambler violated free-speech rights.

In 2000, in the biggest step toward peace since the end of the Korean War, the leaders of North Korea and South Korea signed an agreement pledging to work for reconciliation and eventual reunification.

In 2001 the Bush administration announced the Navy would end its bombing exercises on Vieques Island off the coast of Puerto Rico by May 2003.

In 2002 the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, responding to a growing scandal, adopted a national policy requiring removal from ministry of any priest who commits sexual abuse.

In 2004 the Supreme Court allowed schoolchildren to keep affirming loyalty to one nation "under God," but dodged the underlying question of whether the Pledge of Allegiance was an unconstitutional blending of church and state.

In 2015 a man was killed by a tiger and wild animals were shot and killed in the streets of Tblisi, the capital of Georgia, after a flood washed away the walls at a zoo and allowed dozens of carnivores and a hippopotamus to escape; a dozen people also died in the flooding.

In 2016 a 2-year-old boy visiting Disney's Grand Floridian Resort & Spa in Orlando with his Nebraska family was killed by an alligator. Also in 2016 Johnson Publishing ended a 71-year run in Chicago when the company said it sold Ebony, its iconic African-American lifestyle magazine, and the now digital-only Jet magazine to an Austin, Texas-based private equity firm.

In 2017 a rifle-wielding attacker opened fire on Republican lawmakers at a congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, Va., wounding House GOP Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana and several others; the assailant, identified as liberal political activist James. T. Hodgkinson of Belleville, Ill., was shot and killed by police. Also in 2017 a fast-moving overnight fire engulfed the 24-story residential Grenfell Tower in North Kensington, London, killing at least 58 people.

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Asselin, Paul M.

Paul M. Asselin. Beloved husband of the late Annette nee Kimball. Loving brother of Sister Sylvia Asselin, M.S.C., Madeleine (the late Edward) Radley, & the late Sister Lyette Asselin, M.S.C. Dear uncle of 8 nieces & 1 nephew. Funeral Mass Saturday June 17th 10 am at St. Denis Church, 8301 S. St. Louis in Chicago with a Visitation at Church from 9:00 am. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Longtime parishioner of St. Denis Church including RCIA and SPRED. In lieu of flowers, memorials to SPRED, a ministry for people with intellectual and learning disabilities, 2956 S. Lowe Ave. Chicago, IL 60616 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**. thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com 708-425-0500

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Chelemsky, Helen

Helen D. Chelemsky, nee Okun, 95, beloved wife of the late Lee; loving mother of Seymour (Lori), Marlene (Alan), and Linda (the late Douglas); adored grandmother of Todd (Yuni), Devorah, Nick, and Samantha (Tom); great grandmother of Sarah, Sophia, Abbby, and Conor; much loved sister of Fred (Paula) Okun. Graveside service 10 AM Friday, June 16th at Shalom Memorial Park, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (alz.org). **To leave condolences and for information, Including link to view service: www.shalommemorial.org or 847-255-3520.**

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Fulton, Richard J. 'Rich'

Bloomington - Richard (Rich) J. Fulton, 60, passed away on Thursday, June 8, 2023. Surviving are his daughters, Sahara Fulton and Rhianna (Racheal) Fulton; beloved felines, Peach and Pineapple; favorite grandchildren, Daniel (DJ) and Marie; his mother, Joyce Fulton, and father, Richard A. Fulton (Diane); brother, Michael (Kathy); sister, Anne Fulton; and several nieces and nephews.

A 1981 graduate of Wellington High School and Parkland College in 1983 with a degree in Construction Management. He was a master carpenter retired from Carpenters' Union Local 250 in Chicago. His passions showed, even outside of construction with repairing what needed to be fixed for friends and family alike. His uplifting spirit and contagious laugh would light up a room. Rich enjoyed serving the community by coaching kids in softball for over 15 years in Lake County, IL.

He will be laid to rest on Saturday, June 17th, 2023 at North Arm Cemetery (St. Aloysius Cemetery - 18925 E. 1350 RD Paris, IL 61944) at 10:00 am CST. Following his burial, there will be a celebration of life at 614 N. Main St. Paris, IL 61944.

Flowers, cards and memorials can be made to the family for funeral expenses. Online condolences and memories of Rich may be left for his family at kiblerbradyruestman.com.

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Geis, Robert C. "Bob"

Robert C. "Bob" Geis, age 84, beloved husband of Linda Quinn-Geis (nee Young). Devoted son of the late Clement and Hazel Geis. Dear brother-in-law of Russell (Sue) Young and the late Larry (Arlene) Stefanski. Fond uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Graduate of Valparaiso University. Retired from Wallace Press after 37 years of service. Visitation Friday, June 16, 2023 from 3-8 PM. Funeral Service Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at **Colonial Chapel** 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem) Orland Park, IL. Interment Fairmount-Willow Hills Memorial Park, Willow Springs, IL. Express your thoughts and condolences at colonialchapel.com 708-532-5400

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Haq, Sureya Iftikhar

Dr Sureya Iftikhar Haq (née Sureya Tauqir) passed away peacefully surrounded by her family and loved ones just after midnight on Saturday, June 10, 2023. She is survived by three children, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren, two brothers, a sister, and many nieces and nephews. She was 83 years old.

Sureya was a pioneer and a trailblazer, a person who upheld conventions and also defied them. Born in 1939 in Lahore, Pakistan to Dr Tauqir Ahmed Siddiqui and Bilquis Fathima, she was the eldest of six siblings. Her family ultimately settled in Multan, Pakistan where her father held the post of Municipal Health Officer and taught at Nishtar Medical College where Sureya eventually matriculated. She was one of only five women in a class of 50 students at a time when women did not generally pursue careers, let alone in medicine. It was at Nishtar that she met and married Dr Iftikhar Ul Haq, contrary to the norms of the time that promoted arranged marriages among families with like backgrounds and traditions. With hard work and perseverance, all while raising her oldest daughter, Sureya graduated with her medical degree in 1969. Not long afterward, Sureya followed her husband Iftikhar to the United States, settling in Lake County, Illinois where, at the time, there were few other South Asians and Muslims, and where she knew no one. Soon, however, due to her resourcefulness, warm personality, and good humor, she built a strong community of friends, many of whom she continued to be close to throughout her life.

During her schooling, Sureya exhibited broad talents across several disciplines, including debate and badminton, in which she also served in leadership positions. It was in her teens that she also started taking an interest in photography and collecting family pictures, which would lead her to eventually becoming an informal family archivist. Until her death, she collected and maintained thousands of photographs which she curated into galleries illustrating her extended family's history, going back through the generations. But, it was after her father's untimely death when she was only 16 years old, that she grew into what ultimately would become her most meaningful role - that of mother, aunt, grandmother and general caretaker. Sureya fiercely loved her younger siblings, and worked tirelessly to help them complete their schooling and even introduced some of them to their eventual spouses. As her own family and those of her siblings grew, she took on the role of mother hen, caring for her children, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren, ultimately forgoing her professional ambitions. Being a natural host and entertainer, she always welcomed her extended family to her home, particularly during the summer and vacation periods. She also loved to drive, especially long distances, and frequently shuttled her extended family on road trips in a large van from her home in Lake Bluff to far flung places including Toronto, Canada, New York, NY, Washington, DC, and central Florida, among others.

Sureya's religion played a major role throughout their life. She was one of the founding members of Islamic Foundation North, one of the first community centers for Muslims in Lake County, which ultimately culminated in the erection of Libertyville's first mosque. In keeping with her beliefs she often provided assistance to those in need and contributed to multiple charities. Throughout it all she was always there for her children, her brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and grandchildren, through both good and bad, thick and thin. She will be sorely missed.

In lieu of flowers please make a charitable contribution to Helping Hand for Relief and Development, or a charity of your choice.

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Hargadon, Patrick Joseph

Patrick "Joe" Hargadon, longtime resident of Ireland died in Limerick, Ireland on May 16, 2023.

Joe was born on February 6, 1946 in Chicago to Patrick Hargadon and Josephine (McDermott) Hargadon. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother Patrick; sisters Sr. Nadine, RSM and Patricia Joan.

Joe is survived by his brother James and cousins in the United States, Ireland and Wales.

Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, June 17th, 10:30 AM at St. Catherine of Siena-St.Lucy/St. Giles Parish, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL. Burial following Funeral Liturgy in Mt.Carmel Cemetery, Hillside, IL.

Donations may be made in his name to the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, 3659 W. 99th St., Chicago, IL 60655-3128 or to the ASPCA (American Society Prevention of Cruelty to Animals).

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Johansson, Swen Ronald "Ron"

Swen "Ron" Johansson, 86 of Elwood, IL and Fort Myers Beach, FL passed away May 28, 2023. To read his full obituary, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Judson, Paul B.

Paul B. Judson, age 89, of West Dundee passed away on Monday, June 5, 2023. To view his full obituary, for information or to leave an online condolence, please visit http://www.millerfuneralhomedundee.com For information please call Miller Funeral Home in West Dundee 847-426-3436

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Kirkland, Harriet

Harriet Kirkland peacefully passed away in Naples, Florida on Tuesday, June 6 surrounded by her loving children. Born and raised in Chicago, she attended Senn High School and Lake Forest College, where she met her lifetime love of 64 years, John. **Naples Funeral Home** is honored to serve the Kirkland family. For full obituary, please visit www. naplesfuneralhome.com.

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La Plume, C.S.S.F., Sister Mary Kathleen

Sister Mary Kathleen La Plume, C.S.S.F. Died June 12, 2023 in Mother of Good Counsel Convent, Chicago, IL. Beloved member of Felician Sisters Community for 66 years. Beloved daughter of the late Claude and the late Helen. Beloved sister of Germaine (Allan) White and the late Robert (the late Geraldine). Nieces and nephews. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Friday, June 16, 2023 at Mother of Good Counsel Convent, 3800 West Peterson Avenue, Chicago, IL. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. following the visitation. Commendation will follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery, Niles, IL. Please click this URL to join in viewing the funeral for Sr. Mary Kathleem La Plume https://feliciansisters.zoom. us/j/83293933301. In lieu of flowers, donations to Felician Sisters' Retirement Fund, 3800 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, IL 60659 would be appreciated. INFO 847-395-4000 David J. Moore, Director.

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Reddy, MaryJane

MaryJane Reddy, 92 of Wadsworth died Thursday June 8 at home with her family. Funeral mass at 11am Friday June 16 at St Patrick's Church, Wadsworth. Visitation from 10:30 to 11:00 at the Church. Survived by her daughters Patricia and Jeanne (John) Wagner. Preceded in death by her husband of 60 years William (Bill) Reddy and son William (Bob Dooley) Reddy. Donations may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation at https:// www2.jdrf.

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Shapiro, Sharon Toby

Sharon Toby Shapiro nee Peck, 77, beloved wife and best friend of Dr. Michael Shapiro for 55 wonderful years; loving mother of Nancy (Brian) Pastroff and the late Lisa Shapiro; cherished Nana of Isabelle, Miles and Sydney Pastroff; devoted daughter of the late Norma and Isadore Peck; dear sister of Natalie (the late Jerald) Groner; caring sister-in-law of Deeann Levy; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org. Chapel service Friday 12:15 PM at Shalom Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. For the link to view the service virtually, shiva information and to leave condolences, www.shalommemorial. org and (847) 255-3520.

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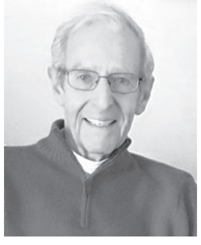
Stella, Raymond Frank



Raymond Frank Stella, 81, a long-time Elmhurst resident and barber, passed away on June 8, 2023. He was born on October 26, 1941, to the late Ernest and Emily Stella and grew up in Chicago, where he attended St. William Catholic Elementary School and Steinmetz and St. Pat's high schools. He also spent two high school years in California. Ray became a barber and owned and operated York Barber Shop in Elmhurst for almost 60 years. Ray was the beloved husband of the late LaVerne (nee Spinelle) for 52 years; loving father of Regina (Doug) Sells, Sherri (Mike) Wyllie and Dan (Vicky); cherished grandfather of Matthew (Lindsay), Michael (Natalie) and Nicholas Sells, Ryan, Lauren and Kaitlyn Wyllie, and Lilly and Olivia Stella; adoring great-grandfather of Jackson Sells; dear brother Donald (Karen) Stella, Darlene (Jeff) Dittman and the late Eugene Stella and brother-in-law of Rosemary Stella; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews; and devoted companion of his beloved dog, Buddy. Ray will forever be remembered for his kind and caring heart, infectious smile and the way he made everyone feel special. Visitation Friday, June 16, 2023, 2:00 until 7:00 p.m., at **Gibbons Funeral Home** 134 S. York Road (½ mile North of St. Charles Road), Elmhurst. Friends and family will meet for a Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday, June 17, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Visitation Catholic Church, 779 South York Road. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or the Second City Canine Rescue, 570 N. Smith St., Palatine, IL 60067. For funeral information, please call 630-832-0018 or www.gibbonsfuneralhome.com

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Stimac, Rosalie A.

Rosalie "Mickey" Stimac of Hillside, passed away peacefully at home Saturday, June 10th surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of the late Joseph; loving daughter of the late Joseph and late Rosie Ulyanich; sister of Arlene (the late Jack) O'Connor; devoted mother of the late Patsy, Steven, Jeff (Colleen) Cohan, Mary Beth (Tim) Mullen; adoring Mana of Abigail Rose and Mack Mullen; Grandmother of Jack and Joe Stimac. Fond aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation 3 to 9pm Friday, June 16th at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, where a funeral service will be held at 11am on Saturday, June 17th. Interment private. A celebration of life will be held by her daughter at a later date. For Service Info: 708-352-6500 or HJFunerals.com

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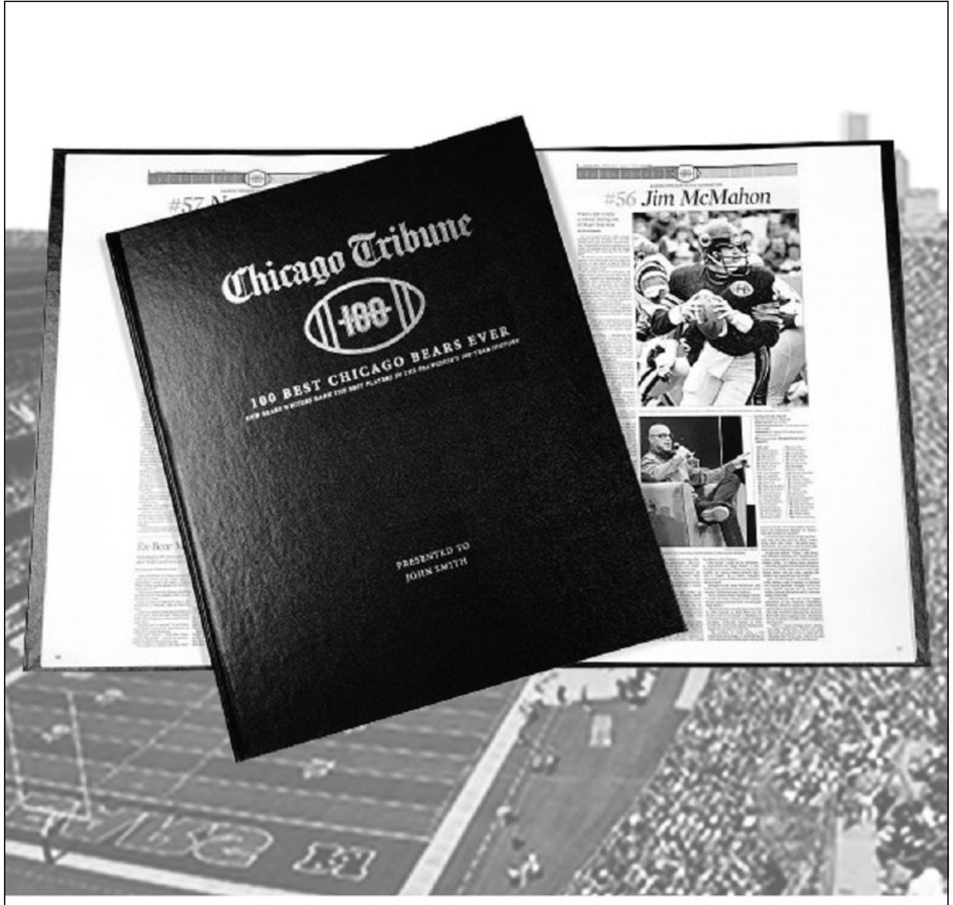

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Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010631** on the **Date: May 26, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Nails By Twist**
with the business located at:
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Michael Whitaker**
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL , 60477

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010639** on the **Date: May 31, 2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **Kids After 40**
with the business located at:
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Ronetta Liggett**
7913 163rd Court, Unit 1
Tinley Park, IL, 60477

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File **No. Y23010609** on the **Date: May 25,2023**
Under the Assumed Name of: **scsconsulting**
with the business located at:
1231 West Farwell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, 60626
The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Sandra C Small**
1231 West Farwell Avenue
Chicago, Illinois, 60626

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR COOK COUNTY CLERK BID FOR SCAN ON DEMAND PROJECT IFB NO.: 2208-10241
Bid Document: The Bid document is available for download at: https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities
Contact Person: If you are not able to download the Bid or if you have other questions, please contact Anneice Owens, Senior Contract Negotiator at (312) 603-3950 or anneice.owens@cookcountyil.gov
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting
Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time - Chicago Pre-Bid Meeting will be conducted online.
Please refer to the Bid Solicitation document for information on how to access the Pre-Bid Meeting.
Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing through the link below: https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities until 10:00 AM Local Time - Chicago on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.
Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time - Chicago All Bids must be submitted electronically and uploaded to https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities following the instructions set forth in the Bid Solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Raffi Sarrafian
Chief Procurement Officer
Late Bids Will Not Be Accepted
6/14/23 7450007

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LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION
Notice is hereby given that the opening date heretofore advertised as Thursday, June 15, 2023 has been extended to Thursday, June 22, 2023 no later than 3:30 P.M. for the following items
Req No.: B23OP03427,
Request for Proposals (RFP)– for Preferred Provider Organization ("PPO"), Mental Health/Substance Abuse ("MH/SA"), Employee Assistance Program ("EAP"), Substance Abuse Professional Services (SAPS), Utilization Management ("UM") and Disease Management ("DM") Services for Three Years with Two One-Year Options.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: NONE
For additional information, please contact Patrick McKenna Senior Procurement Administrator, pmckenna@transitchicago.com.
The contractor will be required to furnish certified copies of any and all Insurance Policies required in relation to this contract prior to CTA's execution.
Chicago Transit Authority hereby gives notice that it will affirmatively ensure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit responses to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.
PLEASE NOTE: The right is reserved to accept any proposal or to reject any and all proposals.
CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY
By: Ellen G. McCormack
Vice President
Purchasing & Supply Chain
June 14, 2023
6/14/2023 7449779

COUNTY OF COOK OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR COOK COUNTY OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER BID FOR AUTOPSY SAWS AND BLADES BID NO.: 2301-04131

Bid Document: The Bid document is available for download at: https://legacy.cookcountyil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php
Contact Person: If you are not able to download the Bid or if you have other questions, please contact Kevin Fair, Sr. Contract Negotiator, at (312) 603-7532 or Kevin.Fair@cookcountyil.gov
Questions: Questions can be submitted in writing to the contact person above until 12:00 PM Local Time - Chicago on Friday, June 23, 2023.
Bid Due Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM Local Time - Chicago All Bids must be submitted electronically and uploaded to https://cookcountyil.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=openOpportunities following the instructions set forth in the Bid Solicitation document.

Toni Preckwinkle
President, Cook County Board of Commissioners
Raffi Sarrafian
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6/14/23 7447969

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago will be accepting applications for the following classification(s):

Business Analyst
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 9, 2023 through June 23, 2023 **Examination Date:** July 22, 2023 **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Business Analyst Practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, serves as project team member for information technology projects related to business systems and functions. Serves as liaison between business and technical aspects of projects. Prepares project status reports for management. **Salary:** $80,312.96 per year

Budget and Management Analyst
(Original & Promotional)

Application Filing Period: June 9, 2023 through June 23, 2023. **Examination Date:** July 29, 2023. **Location:** Chicago High School for Agricultural Sciences (CHAS), 3857 West 111th Street, Chicago, IL. **Scope of Examination:** Knowledge of Budget and Management Analyst practices. **Nature of Position and Duties:** Under direction, performs work in the analysis, preparation, and administration of the annual budget and in the conduct of organization, staffing and methods studies. **Salary:** $80,312.96 per year

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SCHOOL UNIFORMS, GYM APPAREL, SPIRIT WEAR, BAND UNIFORMS and SECURITY UNIFORMS
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See: www.cps.edu/procurement
June 14, 2023 - 7449747

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ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE
Property will be sold per the Self-Service Storage Facility Act. Sale on Friday the 16th day of June, 2023 at 10:00 AM with bidding to take place on lockerfox.com. Payment and pickup at facility. Store Space S Elgin-Randall, 250 Randall Rd, South Elgin, IL, 60177 (630) 866-1100 Umlauf, Rob 2067
06/07,14/2023 7445366

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH OF A NATIONAL BANK
Notice is given that Fifth Third Bank, National Association, a federally chartered depository institution with its main office located at 38 Fountain Square Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, has filed an application with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency on or about June 13, 2023 as specified in 12 CFR Part 5, for permission to establish a staffed branch at 5900 S. Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60636 ("59th and Western BC"). Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Director for Large Bank Licensing, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 400 7th Street SW, Mail Stop 10-E2, Washington, DC 20219, or by email to licensingpubliccomments@occ.treas.gov, within 30 days of the date of this publication. Written requests for a copy of the public portion of the application should be sent to the Director for Large Bank Licensing at licensingpubliccomments@occ.treas.gov. The public may find additional information regarding this application in the OCC's Weekly Bulletin at www.occ.gov.
Fifth Third Bank, National Association
Cincinnati, Ohio
Dated: June 14, 2023 - 7448820

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06/07,14/2023 7445381

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TO: Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Leeaner Johnson; Leeaner Johnson; Landex Tax c/o David M. Fleishman; Occupant of 3446 & 3448 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001151. FILED: August 18, 2022. AMENDED FILED: August 18, 2022. SECOND AMENDED FILED: May 4, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/25/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0006997. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2015-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 3448 W. Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-02-421-038-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/20/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/20/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 11/6/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1707. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/20/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. 2434 W. Flournoy, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443518

TO: Linda Burns; Charles E. Sergeant, Sr., Light of the World Outreach Deliverance Ministry; Light of the World Outreach Deliverance Ministry RA: Linda Gati Money; Light of the World Outreach Deliverance Ministry c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Charles Sergeant; Occupant, 2217 S. Millard Ave. 1st floor and 2nd floor, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001217. FILED: August 23, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/28/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0007559. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2006-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 2217 S. Millard Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-26-107-008-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443422

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., as trustee u/t/n 1112420 Trust Dated: dated 9-8-2003; Emanuel Investment or current caretaker; Zack's Food Mart; Edwina M. Cook, FNA DZ, LLC c/o Greg Retier, Mercer Cook IV; Janice Roberts; Antionette Bush; Occupant, 455 W. Marquette Ave. Chicago, IL 60621; Occupant, 6701 S. Normal Blvd, Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001219. FILED: August 23, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/24/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0005992. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6701 S. Normal Blvd, Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-21-305-001-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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TO: The Guider Group, LLC c/o Karl F. Guider; The Guider Group, LLC RA: Karl F. Guider; The Guider Group, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Occupant, 6916 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001225. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003877. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2008-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6916 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-410-026-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID
TO
METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO

Sealed proposals, endorsed as above, will be submitted back to the District via an electronic upload to the Bonfire Portal only, from the date of the Invitation to Bid, up to 11:00 A.M. (Chicago time), on the bid opening date, and will be opened publicly as described in the Invitation to Bid by the Director of Procurement and Materials Management or designee at 11:00 AM on the stated bid opening date below for:

23-665-13
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS (RE-BID)

Estimated Cost for Group A:	$ 600,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group A:	None
Estimated Cost for Group B:	$ 375,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group B:	None
Estimated Cost for Group C:	$ 225,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group C:	None
Estimated Cost for Group D:	$ 138,000.00	Bid Deposit for Group D:	None
Total Estimated Cost:	$1,338,000.00	Total Bid Deposit:	None

Voluntary Technical Pre-Bid Conference via ZOOM: Thursday, June 22, 2023 at 10:00 am CST.
Compliance with the District's Affirmative Action Ordinance Revised Appendix D, Appendix V, Appendix C, and the Multi Project Labor Agreement are required on this Contract.
Bid Opening: July 11, 2023

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The above is an abbreviated version of the Notice Invitation to Bid. A full version which includes a brief description of the project and/or service can be found on the District's website, **www.mwrd.org**; the path is as follows: Doing Business ➡ Procurement and Materials Management ➡ Contract Announcements.

Specifications, proposal forms and/or plans may be obtained from the Department of Procurement and Materials Management by downloading online from the District's website at **www.mwrd.org** (Doing Business ➡ Procurement & Materials Management ➡ Contract Announcements). No fee is required for the Contract Documents. Any questions regarding the downloading of the Contract Document should be directed to the following email: **contractdesk@mwrd.org** or call **312-751-6643**.

All Contracts for the Construction of Public Works are subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et.seq.), where it is stated in the Invitation to Bid Page. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals if deemed in the public's best interest.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois *June 14, 2023 7448751*

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CONTRACT 23-RFP-03
COURT REPORTING SERVICES FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD

Estimated Cost: $333,000.00 Bid Deposit: NONE
Bid Opening: July 14, 2023

CONTRACT 23-RFP-10
PRE-EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS,
POST-OFFER PHYSICAL ASSESSMENTS AND RELATED SERVICES

Estimated Cost: $144,000.00 Bid Deposit: NONE
Bid Opening: July 14, 2023

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Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago
By Darlene A. LoCascio
Director of Procurement and Materials Management

Chicago, Illinois *June 14, 2023 7448748*

TAKE NOTICES

TO: End Poverty Now, Inc. c/o Scott Hutchison; Pierre McKinnie; City of Chicago Dept. of Water Management; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; End Poverty Now, Inc. c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Occupant, 6927 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001245. FILED: August 29, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003879. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2008-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 6927 S. Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-411-025-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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TO: B & R Investment 2, Corporation, c/o Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved Corporations; B & R Investment 2, Corporation RA: Bozena Radojcic; B & R Investment 2, Corporation c/o Budimir Radojcic; B & B Properties II L.L.C. c/o Budimir Radojcic; B & B Properties II L.L.C. RA: Budimir Radojcic; B & B Properties II L.L.C. c/o Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC's; B & R Investment Corp.; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk, ALSJ, Inc. Andrew Lee; DJ Family LLC c/o F & G Agents, Inc.; Unknown Heirs & Devisees of Henry Kite; Sandra Kite; Occupants of 1410, 1414, & 1418 E. 69th Pl., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001226. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003880. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2005-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1414 E. 69th Pl., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-413-015-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443440

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TO: Mozart Title, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC; Mozart Title, LLC, c/o Floyd Williams, Jr.; Gregory Kelly; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; James Athanasopoulos; Chris Athanasopoulos; Occupant, 7013 S Harper Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001244. FILED: August 29, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003885. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7013 S Harper Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-424-005-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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TO: Stony Island Enterprises, L.L.C., c/o Secretary of State - Dissolved LLC Dept.; Stony Island Enterprises, L.L.C. c/o Gerald H. Weber, Jr. Registered Agent of Rubloff Development Group, Inc.; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; ALBA LOANCO, LLC c/o Maples Fiduciary Services (Delaware) Inc.; ALBA LOANCO, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Next Level Property Management Co., c/o Mario Christen; Occupant, 7012 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001243. FILED: August 29, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003886. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2014-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7012 S. Stony Island Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-23-424-023-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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TO: Glorious Life Worship Center c/o Pagel J. Williams; Aaronvankel, LLC c/o Kelvin Coleman; Aaronvankel, LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Nathan J. Edmond; 7409 South Langley Trust; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Occupant, 7411 S Langley Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001246. FILED: August 29, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0004020. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2007-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7411 S Langley Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-230-005-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443513

TO: International Soil and Sourcing, Inc. c/o Secretary of State - Dissolved Corporations; International Soil and Sourcing, Inc c/o Harvey P. Weintraub; Sharon Weintraub; Eva Weintraub; Occupant, 7622 S. Eberhart Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001223. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0004026. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2011-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7622 S. Eberhart Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-409-028-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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TO: QCD Financial, LLC c/o Senectum Financial LLC 0381-981-7; QCD Financial, LLC c/o Daria Balina; Property Asset; Village of South Holland c/o Village Clerk; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Occupant, 7606 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001249. FILED: August 29, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/22/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0004027. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 7606 S. Rhodes Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-27-410-022-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443514

TO: Orlando Morales; Orlando Morales c/o Re/Max; David J. Jaroszewski; Cranberry Financial, LLC c/o The Corporation Trust Co.; City of Chicago Dept. of Water Management; City of Chicago c/o City Clerk; Edmy Roman; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney; United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Cranberry Financial LLC c/o Illinois Secretary of State; Occupant, 9800 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001220. FILED: August 23, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 3/2/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0004909. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2009-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 9800 S. Ewing Ave., Chicago, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 26-08-102-023-0000. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443430

TO: Midwest BankCentre, successor trustee to Bremen Bank & Trust Co., u/t/a 88-3313; Old National Bank, as Successor Trustee to Bremen Bank & Trust Co., u/t/n 88-3313 Trust Dated: May 7, 1988; Mohammad Javedullah; Estrella Javedullah; Arif M. Javedullah; Fifth Third Bank, N.A.; Village of Tinley Park c/o Village Clerk; Tinley Park South Condominium Association c/o Cari Anderson; Tinley Park South Condominium Association c/o KSN Registered Agent, LLC; Occupant or caretaker of 17726 (A/K/A 17726G) Oak Park Ave. Unit G, Tinley Park, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001230. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: April 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/15/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0001136. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2010-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 17726 (A/K/A 17726G) Oak Park Ave. Unit G, Tinley Park, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 28-31-103-026-1016. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
6/13, 6/14, 6/15/20237443445

TO: Great Heights Family Medicine Ltd, c/o Secretary of State - Dissolved Corporations; Great Heights Family Medicine Ltd, c/o Adeyemi Oludare Fatoki; Wintrust Bank, N.A., (assignee/agent of First National Bank of Illinois); Old Plank Trail Community Bank, N.A.; Concord Commons Association c/o Charles E. Antonietti, Illinois Department of Employment Security; Illinois Attorney General, U.S. Bank, N.A.; Internal Revenue Service, United States Attorney General U. S. Department of Justice; United States Attorney; Great Heights Professional Services, Inc.; David Fatoki; Occupant, 1459 Ring Rd., Calumet City, IL; Parties in occupancy and possession; any unknown owners and occupants. TAX DEED NO. 2022COTD001228. FILED: August 24, 2022. AMENDED FILED: Apri 17, 2023. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 2/18/2022. Certificate No. 21S-0003296. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2021 Scavenger (2011-2018). Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at. 1459 Ring Rd., Calumet City, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 29-24-200-034-1012. This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 10/13/2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 10/13/2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 10/27/2023 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 10/13/2023 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. ADDRESS: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Lincoln Avenue LLC, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: May 30, 2023.
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ABC7 Outlook: Partly sunny and milder compared to our chilly, wet Tuesday. Highs around 70 by the lake to mid- to upper 70s inland.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night	Day / Night
High: 76 Low: 59	High: 80 Low: 55	High: 75 Low: 57	High: 78 Low: 61	High: 81 Low: 64	High: 83 Low: 64
Warmer with times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny, a stray t-shower in the p.m.	Mostly sunny and comfortable	Sunny to partly cloudy and nice	A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon	Partly sunny and nice
POP: **5%**	POP: **40%**	POP: **0%**	POP: **5%**	POP: **40%**	POP: **10%**
Winds: **N 6-12 mph**	Winds: **NNE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **NE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **NE 6-12 mph**	Winds: **ESE 7-14 mph**	Winds: **E 7-14 mph**

CHICAGO FORECAST

Wednesday Conditions

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
AccuWeather.com UV Index™	1	2	5	6	4	2	0
RealFeel Temperature®	59	64	71	76	77	72	72

Wednesday Activities

	8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
Golfing Index	6	8	8	8	8	8	8
Fishing Index	2	6	8	8	7	6	6

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index** number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. **0-2** Low, **3-5** Moderate, **6-7** High, **8-10** Very High, **11+** Extreme. The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature** is an exclusive index of effective temperature based on eight weather factors. **Golf and Fishing Indexes**: **0-2**: Poor; **3-4**: Fair; **5-6**: Good; **7-8**: Very Good; **9-10**: Excellent.

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Tuesday Temperatures

O'Hare through 4 p.m.

High	**65**
Low	**55**
Normal high	**80**
Normal low	**60**
Record high	**95** (1956)
Record low	**40** (1985)

Local Temperatures
through 6 p.m. Tuesday

Location	Hi	Lo	Normal Hi	Normal Lo
Aurora	66	54	81	58
Gary	66	57	80	59
Kankakee	69	55	81	60
Lansing	64	55	80	59
Midway	67	56	80	62
Romeoville	67	55	81	60
Valparaiso	64	55	82	60
Waukegan	63	54	76	56

Tuesday Precipitation

	2023	2022	Normal
Tuesday*	0.18"	0.88"	0.14"
Month to date	1.11"	2.10"	1.84"
Year to date	14.07"	18.03"	16.49"

*24-hour period ending 4 p.m. Tuesday

Pollen as of 6/13

Trees	Grass	Weeds	Mold
Low	Moderate	Absent	Absent

Source: National Allergy Bureau

Air Quality Index

Tuesday's reading

Moderate

Wednesday's forecast

Moderate

Primary pollutant **Particulates**

Source: AirNow.gov

Sun and Moon

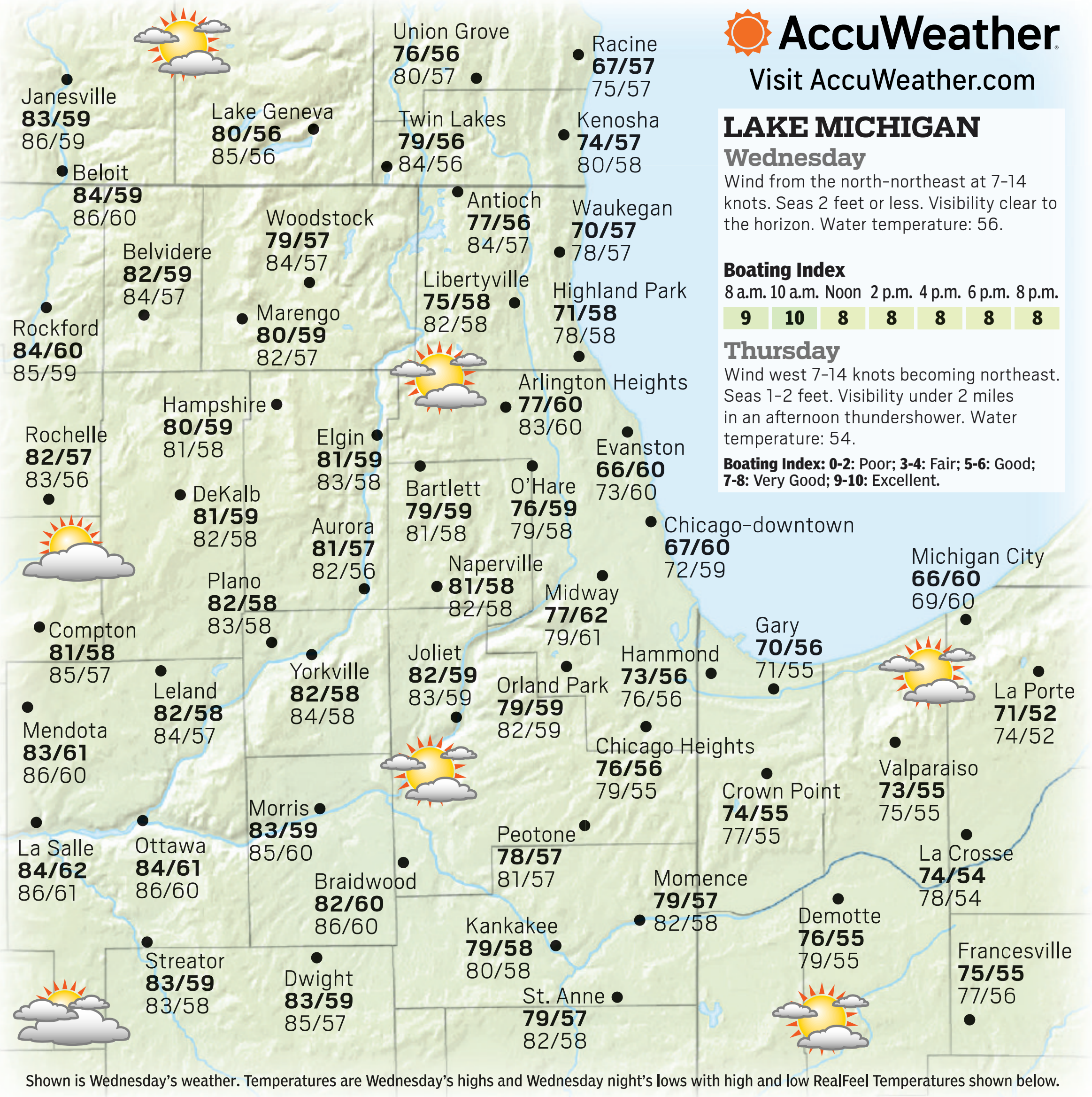
	Wed.	Thu.
Sunrise	5:15 a.m.	5:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:27 p.m.	8:27 p.m.
Moonrise	2:48 a.m.	3:15 a.m.
Moonset	5:13 p.m.	6:23 p.m.

New
First
Full
Last
Jun 17
Jun 26
Jul 3
Jul 9

Wednesday's Planet Watch

	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:17 a.m.	6:53 p.m.
Venus	8:45 a.m.	11:25 p.m.
Mars	9:19 a.m.	11:39 p.m.
Jupiter	2:48 a.m.	4:26 p.m.
Saturn	12:33 a.m.	11:24 a.m.

Best viewing times today: Venus: 8:55 p.m. Mars: 8:55 p.m. Jupiter: 4:45 a.m. Saturn: 4:45 a.m. Mercury: 4:45 a.m.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Hampshire 80/59 81/58
Elgin 81/59 83/58
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Bartlett 79/59 81/58
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Aurora 81/57 82/56
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Michigan City 66/60 69/60
Plano 82/58 83/58
Midway 77/62 79/61
Compton 81/58 85/57
Gary 70/56 71/55
Joliet 82/59 83/59
Hammond 73/56 76/56
Leland 82/58 84/57
Yorkville 82/58 84/58
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Mendota 83/61 86/60
Chicago Heights 76/56 79/55
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Crown Point 74/55 77/55
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Ottawa 84/61 86/60
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La Crosse 74/54 78/54
Braidwood 82/60 86/60
Momence 79/57 82/58
Demotte 76/55 79/55
Kankakee 79/58 80/58
Francesville 75/55 77/56
Streator 83/59 83/58
Dwight 83/59 85/57
St. Anne 79/57 82/58

Shown is Wednesday's weather. Temperatures are Wednesday's highs and Wednesday night's lows with high and low RealFeel Temperatures shown below.

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LAKE MICHIGAN

Wednesday

Wind from the north-northeast at 7-14 knots. Seas 2 feet or less. Visibility clear to the horizon. Water temperature: 56.

Boating Index

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.	8 p.m.
9	10	8	8	8	8	8

Thursday

Wind west 7-14 knots becoming northeast. Seas 1-2 feet. Visibility under 2 miles in an afternoon thundershower. Water temperature: 54.

Boating Index: 0-2: Poor; **3-4:** Fair; **5-6:** Good; **7-8:** Very Good; **9-10:** Excellent.

ASK abc7

Larry Mowry

QUESTION: There are times you say the rain on the radar is not hitting the ground. How does that happen?

Theresa – Arlington Heights

ANSWER: There are times where Live Doppler 7 Max will show green radar returns, but I'll say on TV that it is not hitting the ground. I say this when the air between the rain is in the sky and the ground is dry. The raindrops falling from the clouds that our radar is detecting are evaporating before they reach the ground. "Virga" is the meteorological term used to describe precipitation that falls from the clouds but never reaches the ground.

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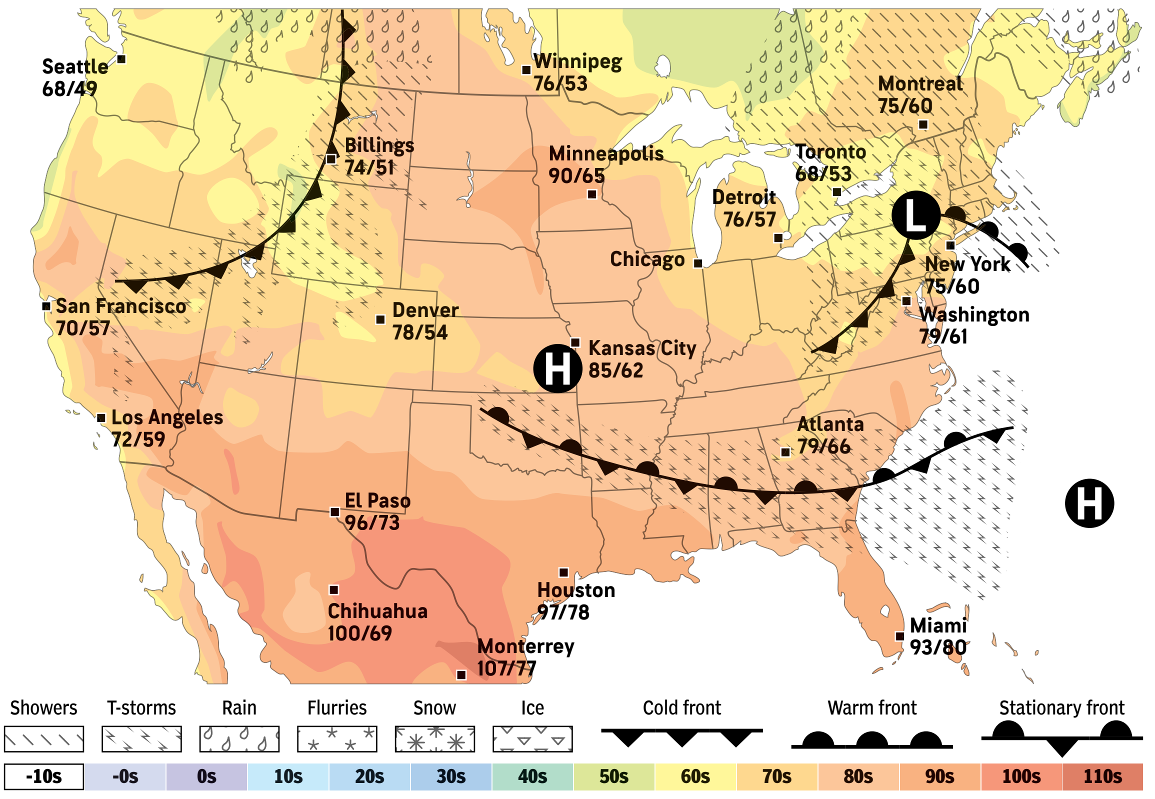
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El Paso 96/73
Houston 97/78
Chihuahua 100/69
Monterrey 107/77
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Ice
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Warm front
Stationary front
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10s
20s
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70s
80s
90s
100s
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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Illinois		
Carbondale	88/61/pc	90/66/s
Champaign	84/60/s	88/59/pc
Decatur	83/62/s	90/61/s
Moline	88/60/s	90/60/s
Peoria	86/62/pc	90/60/s
Quincy	85/63/s	88/64/pc
Rockford	84/60/pc	86/52/s
Springfield	84/61/s	89/63/s
Sterling	84/59/pc	87/56/pc
Indiana		
Bloomington	79/59/sh	86/61/s
Evansville	85/61/pc	89/65/s
Fort Wayne	75/52/pc	84/54/sh
Indianapolis	77/60/pc	85/62/pc
Lafayette	78/56/pc	86/55/pc
South Bend	73/53/pc	79/52/s
Wisconsin		
Green Bay	79/58/pc	71/48/pc
Kenosha	74/57/pc	76/52/pc
La Crosse	90/63/pc	85/58/s
Madison	83/61/pc	81/51/s
Milwaukee	71/60/pc	72/54/pc
Wausau	83/58/pc	78/49/pc
Michigan		
Detroit	76/57/pc	74/55/sh
Grand Rapids	74/51/c	78/53/pc
Marquette	65/45/pc	61/44/pc
Sault Ste. Marie	64/49/pc	65/48/pc
Traverse City	71/56/c	67/50/sh
Iowa		
Ames	88/61/s	89/63/pc
Cedar Rapids	86/61/s	88/59/s
Des Moines	87/63/s	89/65/pc
Dubuque	85/62/pc	86/54/s

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Abilene	93/73/s	100/77/pc
Albany, NY	74/58/r	79/56/sh
Albuquerque	87/59/s	88/60/pc
Amarillo	85/60/s	94/59/s
Anchorage	60/46/c	56/46/r
Asheville	78/57/t	81/57/s
Aspen	67/43/sh	62/40/t
Atlanta	79/66/t	81/67/t
Atlantic City	76/62/c	80/66/pc
Austin	97/75/pc	98/76/pc
Baltimore	80/58/pc	85/61/pc
Billings	74/51/t	70/52/pc
Birmingham	81/67/t	82/69/t
Bismarck	89/60/s	78/59/t
Boise	74/47/pc	77/52/s
Boston	74/59/t	76/62/pc
Brownsville	99/83/pc	98/83/pc
Buffalo	63/55/r	71/56/c
Burlington, VT	74/59/sh	77/59/sh
Charleston, SC	85/69/t	86/67/t
Charleston, WV	74/54/sh	80/61/c
Charlotte	84/62/t	87/64/s
Chattanooga	80/61/t	86/64/s
Cheyenne	71/49/t	68/47/t
Cincinnati	75/59/sh	81/62/pc
Cleveland	71/55/pc	73/57/t
Colorado Spgs	74/51/t	76/51/t
Columbia, MO	87/63/s	91/66/s
Columbia, SC	83/65/t	86/66/t
Columbus, OH	74/54/pc	80/58/t
Concord	75/55/t	77/55/c
Corpus Christi	96/77/pc	96/77/s
Dallas	88/72/pc	95/76/s
Daytona Beach	95/78/pc	92/74/t
Denver	78/54/t	70/52/t
Duluth	74/46/pc	65/46/s
El Paso	96/73/s	98/71/s
Fairbanks	62/43/c	70/51/pc
Fargo	87/61/pc	88/61/pc
Flagstaff	73/40/s	72/42/pc
Fort Myers	93/79/t	93/78/s
Fort Smith	87/69/t	91/69/s
Fresno	92/66/s	92/67/s
Grand Junction	83/58/pc	75/55/t
Great Falls	69/47/r	65/45/c
Harrisburg	77/58/r	82/62/pc
Hartford	78/59/t	78/59/pc
Helena, MT	71/46/pc	68/47/pc
Honolulu	87/77/sh	88/76/sh
Houston	97/78/pc	99/79/pc
Int'l Falls	74/49/pc	74/48/s
Jackson, MS	88/71/t	86/71/t
Jacksonville	92/75/t	90/71/t
Juneau	66/46/pc	56/49/r
Kansas City	85/62/s	88/66/pc
Las Vegas	95/77/s	94/72/s
Lexington	79/60/pc	86/63/s
Lincoln	87/60/s	89/62/c
Little Rock	86/69/t	88/70/s
Los Angeles	72/59/pc	70/59/pc
Louisville	82/65/pc	88/66/s
Macon	81/67/t	82/65/t
Memphis	83/69/t	89/70/s
Miami	93/80/t	94/78/s
Minneapolis	90/65/pc	84/59/s
Mobile	89/76/pc	92/74/t
Montgomery	85/70/t	83/70/t
Nashville	84/64/t	87/65/pc
New Orleans	94/80/pc	95/77/pc
New York City	75/60/t	80/64/pc
Norfolk	87/68/pc	82/65/s
Oklahoma City	82/63/pc	89/69/s
Omaha	89/63/s	90/65/pc
Orlando	95/75/t	93/74/pc
Palm Beach	93/79/t	93/78/pc
Palm Springs	94/69/s	93/70/s
Philadelphia	77/62/t	81/64/pc
Phoenix	99/75/s	100/77/pc
Pittsburgh	70/49/c	75/57/pc
Portland, ME	70/56/sh	70/55/c
Portland, OR	70/52/pc	77/55/pc
Providence	77/57/t	76/61/pc
Raleigh	88/63/pc	88/64/pc
Rapid City	83/56/pc	71/54/t
Reno	84/56/s	80/55/c
Richmond	85/61/pc	85/60/pc
Rochester	61/53/r	74/56/t
Sacramento	85/56/s	87/59/s
St. Louis	87/67/pc	91/68/s
Salem, OR	71/49/pc	79/56/pc
Salt Lake City	77/57/c	73/54/t
San Antonio	100/80/pc	103/77/c
San Diego	69/62/pc	71/63/pc
San Francisco	70/57/pc	71/58/pc
San Juan	92/80/pc	94/78/c
Santa Fe	82/50/s	84/51/s
Savannah	88/70/t	86/67/t
Seattle	68/49/c	72/52/pc
Shreveport	93/72/t	96/75/s
Sioux Falls	87/61/s	92/65/c
Spokane	64/50/t	73/53/s
Syracuse	65/56/r	76/55/c
Tallahassee	90/73/t	88/71/t
Tampa	93/81/pc	92/82/pc
Topeka	84/63/s	90/64/pc
Tucson	99/66/s	98/67/pc
Tulsa	85/64/t	90/69/s
Washington, DC	79/61/pc	84/64/pc
Wichita	78/59/t	87/63/s
Wilkes-Barre	71/54/r	77/58/sh
Yuma	98/71/s	98/70/pc

Weather(W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice. **POP**: Probability of Precipitation.

WORLD CITIES

City	Wed. Hi/Lo/W	Thu. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	91/76/s	91/76/pc
Algiers	81/63/pc	84/60/s
Amsterdam	79/60/pc	78/55/pc
Ankara	69/51/t	79/54/pc
Athens	81/68/s	81/68/s
Auckland	58/41/s	57/50/pc
Baghdad	104/82/pc	105/82/pc
Bangkok	92/81/t	93/81/r
Barbados	90/82/t	90/80/sh
Barcelona	77/67/t	81/68/s
Beijing	97/69/s	98/70/s
Beirut	82/72/s	81/69/s
Berlin	74/56/t	74/55/pc
Bermuda	82/74/pc	82/75/t
Bogota	67/52/t	64/51/t
Brussels	81/55/pc	80/55/pc
Bucharest	81/61/pc	84/62/t
Budapest	74/52/pc	77/56/pc
Bueno Aires	55/45/s	56/48/s
Cairo	93/72/s	92/72/s
Cancun	91/80/s	91/81/s
Caracas	91/75/t	90/74/t
Casablanca	81/62/s	87/65/pc
Copenhagen	75/55/s	73/59/pc
Dublin	69/49/s	69/52/pc
Edmonton	60/49/r	67/45/r
Frankfurt	78/57/pc	80/55/pc
Geneva	80/55/s	80/55/s
Guadalajara	98/65/s	97/65/s
Havana	93/73/s	93/76/s
Helsinki	79/50/pc	83/54/pc
Hong Kong	86/78/r	85/79/t
Istanbul	78/65/sh	81/67/s
Jerusalem	81/62/s	78/60/s
Johannesburg	64/44/s	65/40/s
Kabul	88/66/s	88/62/s
Kingston	92/82/s	92/83/pc
Kyiv	74/60/c	79/61/pc
Lima	73/66/pc	73/66/s
Lisbon	79/61/s	90/66/pc
London	84/55/s	82/56/t
Madrid	83/59/pc	89/60/s
Manila	93/80/t	91/79/t
Mexico City	89/60/s	90/60/s
Monterrey	107/77/c	105/75/s
Montreal	75/60/sh	76/60/sh
Moscow	75/53/s	80/59/s
Munich	73/49/pc	73/53/pc
Nairobi	79/59/pc	77/59/c
Nassau	90/79/s	90/78/s
New Delhi	106/85/pc	103/86/s
Oslo	85/59/pc	89/62/pc
Ottawa	66/55/sh	78/56/sh
Panama City	88/76/t	87/75/t
Paris	86/58/s	85/59/pc
Prague	69/49/t	71/51/t
Rio de Janeiro	77/68/pc	79/72/pc
Riyadh	107/82/s	111/86/s
Rome	75/64/t	81/62/t
Santiago	66/33/pc	68/38/s
Seoul	81/62/t	81/64/s
Singapore	87/79/t	88/79/t
Sofia	73/58/t	72/59/t
Stockholm	79/48/pc	79/49/pc
Sydney	65/47/s	67/48/s
Taipei	86/73/r	85/75/r
Tehran	99/79/s	99/77/s
Tokyo	76/70/r	76/68/r
Toronto	68/53/t	72/55/sh
Trinidad	87/78/t	88/79/pc
Vancouver	65/51/s	65/54/c
Vienna	71/51/pc	75/55/pc
Warsaw	66/54/t	71/54/t
Winnipeg	76/53/pc	81/61/c

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BUSINESS

Amtrak ramping up speed in Illinois

Chicago-St. Louis travel to receive upgrade to 110 mph

Associated Press

Amtrak travel between Chicago and St. Louis is about to get 15 minutes quicker thanks to a high-speed rail project allowing trains to reach speeds of 110 mph, Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Monday.

The higher speeds take effect June 26 and will reduce the duration of the trip from the current five hours and 13 minutes.

Trips from St. Louis to Chicago are a few minutes shorter, according to Amtrak timetables.

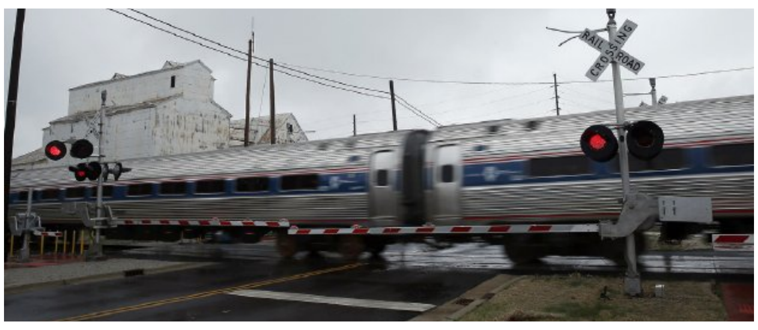
Existing maximum speeds on the route are 90 mph.

In addition to increasing speeds, the $1.96 billion project also provided safety improvements at 212 grade crossings, according to Pritzker.

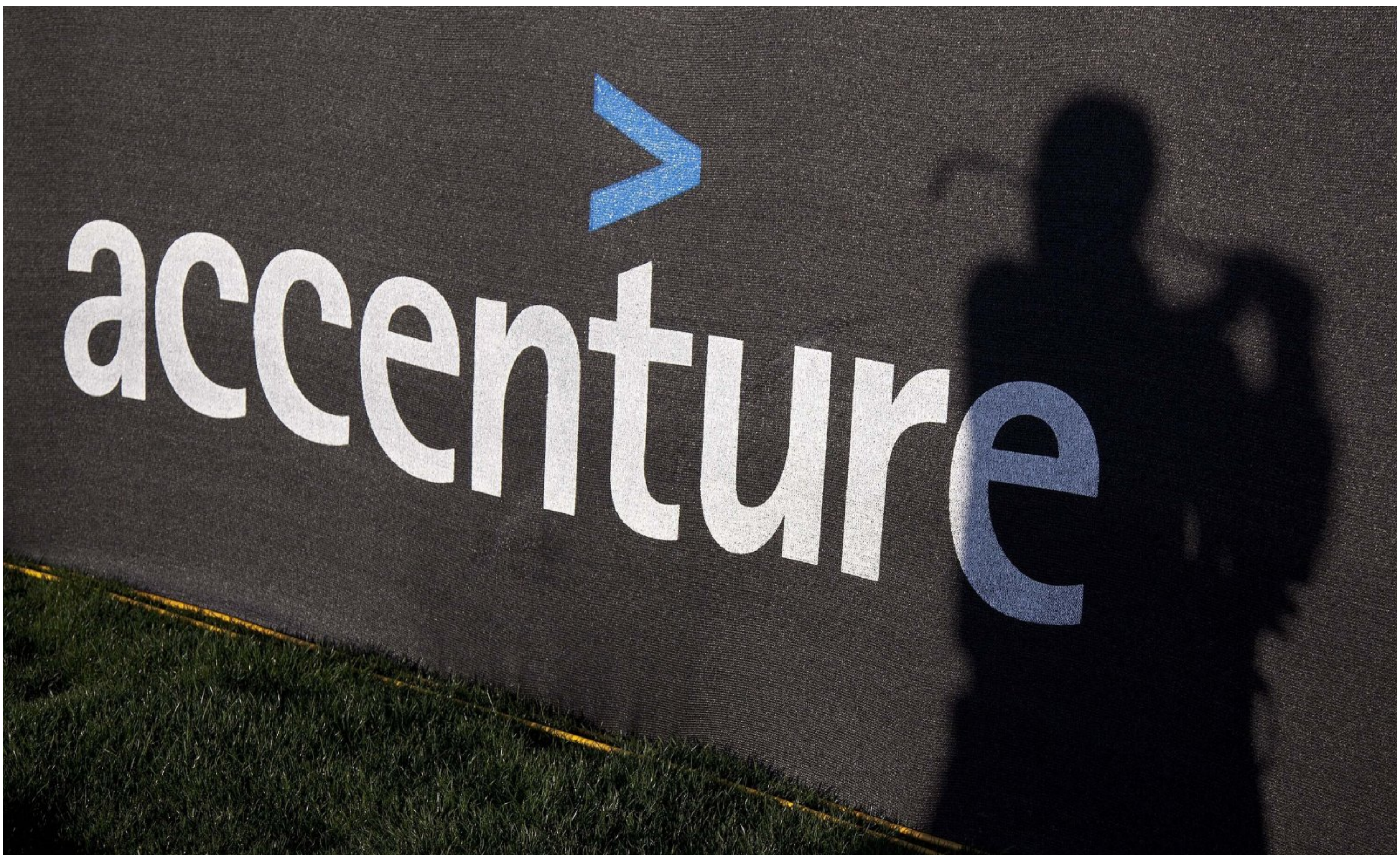
"The railway has always been a vital component of our state's infrastructure, but today we are taking a major step in modernizing rail services," U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin said.

Funding for the project includes $1.66 billion in federal funding, primarily through an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant awarded that year, and $300 million in state and non-federal funds.

The project broke ground in 2010 and was completed in 2018. But it has gone through several years of test runs.



A high speed Amtrak train passes through Odell as IDOT and Amtrak offer the first demonstration run at 110 mph on a portion of the Chicago-to-St. Louis corridor. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**



Accenture's logo is displayed in February 2012 in Marana, Arizona. Accenture is the latest company to ramp up its artificial intelligence business. **JULIE JACOBSON/AP**

Accenture pouring $3B into AI

Company joining long list of technology entities prepping to meet demand

Associated Press

Technology services provider Accenture is the latest company to ramp up its artificial intelligence business, announcing Tuesday that it will invest $3 billion over the next three years and double its AI-related staff to accommodate scorching hot demand.

Dublin, Ireland-based Accenture said it aims to have 80,000 AI-related staff to help create "industry-specific solutions that will help our clients harness AI's full potential to reshape their strategy, technology, and ways of working, driving innovation and value responsibly and faster than ever before."

Accenture joins a growing list of technology companies racing to take advantage of a broader interest from businesses looking for new AI tools that can analyze data, help make decisions and potentially replace some tasks currently performed by human workers. Much of the interest is on "generative AI" tools such as ChatGPT that can produce works of writing on command, as well as images, computer code and other media.

Employees work with a skyline view inside Accenture's offices at 500 W. Madison St. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE 2022**

Late in May, Nvidia joined the exclusive club of companies with a $1 trillion market capitalization as the chipmaker reaped benefits from the growing use of AI. But it was the company's projections for sales of $11 billion in the current quarter — a 64% jump from the previous year's quarter — that excited Wall Street.

Oracle soared to an all-time high Tuesday after it posted record annual sales and said AI companies are flocking to its cloud and infrastructure services, the latter of which grew 63% in 2023.

Salesforce, which owns the business communications platform Slack, introduced its "AI Cloud" on Monday, which it says will enable its sales staff and marketers to quickly generate personalized communications specifically targeted to their customers' needs.

Accenture has 738,000 employees serving clients in more than 120 countries.

Instant Pot maker seeks bankruptcy protection

Associated Press

The maker of Pyrex glassware and Instant Pot has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection as the company that was already struggling is stung by inflation, with Americans pulling back on spending.

According to a filing with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas this week, Instant Brands, based outside of Chicago, has more than $500 million in both assets and liabilities.

Inflation has buffeted consumers after a pandemic-fueled binge on goods for the home, but spending has also moved elsewhere as people are again able to travel, or go to restaurants and shows.

And Instant Pots, which became a must-have gadget several years ago, have been disappearing from kitchens.

Sales of "electronic multicooker devices," most of which are Instant Pots, reached $758 million in 2020, the start of the pandemic.

Sales had plunged 50% by last year, to $344 million.

Dollar and unit sales have declined 20% from last year in the period ending in April, according to the market research company NPD Group.

Just last week, S&P Global downgraded the company's rating due to lower consumer spending on discretionary categories and warned that ratings could fall again if Instant Brands seeks bankruptcy protection.

"Net sales decreased 21.9% in the first quarter of fiscal 2023, relative to the same period last year," S&P analysts wrote.

"This marked the seventh consecutive quarter of year-over-year sales contraction. Instant Brands' performance continues to suffer from depressed consumer demand due to lower discretionary spending on home products," the analyst wrote.

U.S. manufacturers have also been hit, like consumers, by elevated inflation and higher interest rates.

Ben Gadbois, CEO and president of Instant Brands, said the company managed its way through the COVID-19 pandemic and global supply chain issues, but has run short of cash.

> ***"Tightening of credit terms and higher interest rates impacted our liquidity levels and made our capital structure unsustainable."***
>
> *— Ben Gadbois, president and CEO of Instant Brands*

"Tightening of credit terms and higher interest rates impacted our liquidity levels and made our capital structure unsustainable," Gadbois said in a prepared statement Monday.

Instant Brands, whose brands also include Corelle, Snapware, CorningWare, Visions and Chicago Cutlery, said it has received a commitment for $132.5 million in new debtor-in-possession financing from its existing lenders.

The company was acquired four years ago by the private-equity firm Cornell Capital and it was merged with another kitchenware company, Corelle Brands.

Instant Brands' entities located outside the U.S. and Canada are not included in the Chapter 11 filings.

Inflation showing signs of steady decline in US

Consumer price growth slows, but high rents, used car costs cause concern

By Christopher Rugaber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices in the United States cooled last month, rising just 0.1% from April to May and extending the past year's steady easing of inflation. At the same time, some measures of underlying price pressures remained high.

Measured year over year, inflation slowed to just 4% in May — the lowest 12-month figure in over two years and well below April's 4.9% annual rise. The pullback was driven by tumbling gas prices, a much smaller rise in grocery prices than in previous months and less expensive furniture, airfares and appliances.

Tuesday's inflation figures from the government arrived a day before the Federal Reserve is expected to leave interest rates alone after imposing 10 straight rate hikes dating as far back as March 2022. After a two-day meeting, the Fed will likely announce that it's skipping a rate hike but may hint that it will resume raising rates as soon as July.

Last month's drop-off in overall inflation isn't likely to convince the Fed's policymakers that they're close to curbing the high inflation that has gripped the nation for two years. The central bank tends to focus most closely on "core" prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs and are considered better able to capture underlying inflation trends. These prices remain stubbornly high.

Core prices rose a sizable 0.4% from April to May, the sixth straight month of increases at that level or higher. Compared with a year ago, core inflation slipped from 5.5% to 5.3% but is still far above the Fed's target of 2%.

Yet some positive signs, even in the measures of core prices, suggest that underlying inflation pressures may be receding. The outsize increases in core prices were driven mainly by rising rents and by another spike in used car prices. Real-time data suggests that increases in those categories will soon ease and help cool inflation.

"Outside of those two components, the trend has become very encouraging," said Stephen Juneau, an economist at Bank of America. "We should continue to see improvement in core" prices.

Economists say inflation is being driven by a narrower set of goods and services. Excluding housing costs — which include rents and hotel prices, which jumped last month — prices actually dipped 0.1% from April to May. And they're up just 2.1% from a year ago.

Rents rose 0.5% from April to May, down from the peak gains of 0.7% to 0.8% last year. Used car prices soared 4.4% just from April to May. Those two factors alone drove four-fifths of the monthly increase in core prices, according to Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics. And the government said housing costs made up three-fifths of year-over-year core inflation.

Yet it could take months for rising costs in those areas to ease back to pre-pandemic levels. Fed officials will want to see the expected price declines in rents and used cars actually materialize before they extend any pause in rate increases.

A customer checks out the price on packages of pasta on sale in a supermarket last week in Milan, northern Italy. **LUCA BRUNO/AP**

Food prices squeeze Europe

Suppliers accused of padding profits, but economists blame it on higher production costs

By Colleen Barry
Associated Press

MILAN — When it comes to skyrocketing pasta prices, Italians are crying "Basta!"

They have had enough after the cost of the staple of every Italian table soared by twice the rate of inflation. One consumer advocate group is calling for a weeklong national pasta strike starting June 22 after the Rome government held a crisis meeting last month and decided not to intervene on prices.

"The macaroni strike is to see if keeping pasta on the shelves will bring down the prices, in the great Anglo-Saxon tradition of boycotting goods," said Furio Truzzi, president of the group, Assoutenti. "The price of pasta is absolutely out of proportion with production costs."

Grocery prices have risen more sharply in Europe than in other advanced economies — from the U.S. to Japan — driven by higher energy and labor costs and the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine. That is even though costs for food commodities have fallen for months from record highs, including wheat for the flour used to make pasta.

Stores and suppliers have been accused of profit-padding "greedflation," but economists say retail profits have been stable and the problem comes down to the higher cost to produce food.

Feeling the pressure, some governments in Europe have capped prices on staples or pushed for agreements with grocery stores to bring down costs, something that's popular with the public but can actually make food prices worse.

The French government reached a three-month agreement with supermarket chains for them to cut prices on hundreds of staples and other foods, which is expected to be extended through the summer. Britain — where food inflation has reached 45-year highs — is discussing a similar move.

Countries like Hungary, with the highest food inflation in the European Union, and Croatia have mandated price controls for items like cooking oil, some pork cuts, wheat flour and milk.

The Italian government says it will strengthen price monitoring by working more closely with the country's 20 regions but won't impose such limits.

Spain has avoided price controls but abolished all value-added tax on essential products and halved taxes on cooking oil and pasta to 5%.

Prices for food and nonalcoholic drinks have actually fallen in Europe, from 17.5% in the 20-country euro area in March to a still-painful 15% in April. It comes as energy prices — key to growing and transporting what we eat — have dropped from record highs last year. But economists say it will be many months before prices in stores settle back down.

In comparison, U.S. food prices rose 7.7% in April from a year earlier, 8.2% in Japan and 9.1% in Canada. They hit 19% in the U.K.

In Europe, turning to price controls plays to voters, who get constant reminders of the inflation every time they hit the checkout counter, said Neil Shearing, group chief economist for Capital Economics. But he said such changes should be reserved for instances of supply shocks, like war.

Such controls could make food inflation worse by increasing demand from shoppers but discouraging new supply, he said.

"The current food price shock does not warrant such intervention," Shearing said.

FTC sues to block Microsoft-Activision deal

By Matt O'Brien
Associated Press

The Federal Trade Commission has sued to block Microsoft from completing its deal to buy video game company Activision Blizzard, the latest antitrust challenge to the proposed merger but one that could hasten a conclusion to the drawn-out dispute.

The FTC's filing Monday in a San Francisco federal court seeks a temporary restraining order and injunction to stop Microsoft's $69 billion purchase of the California company behind hit games like Call of Duty, World of Warcraft and Candy Crush.

Microsoft, maker of the Xbox game system, has been struggling to win worldwide approval for the deal with just over a month before the deadline to close it, according to the contract it signed with Activision. While a number of countries have approved the acquisition, regulators for two important economies — the U.S. and the United Kingdom — have argued it could suppress competition in the video game market.

"We welcome the opportunity to present our case in federal court," Brad Smith, Microsoft's vice chair and president, said in a statement. "We believe accelerating the legal process in the U.S. will ultimately bring more choice and competition to the market."

Activision CEO Bobby Kotick in a letter to employees also characterized the FTC lawsuit as a "positive development" because the companies would be able to more quickly present their arguments to a federal judge.

The FTC already took Microsoft to court last year to block the merger, but that case was brought to the U.S. agency's in-house judge in a trial set to start Aug. 2. That administrative process didn't preclude the parties from closing the deal.

The contract between Microsoft and Activision says the deal is supposed to close by July 18, but the FTC's latest action seeks to stop that from happening.

One of Microsoft's thorniest obstacles is in the U.K., where antitrust regulators made a surprise decision this spring to block the acquisition.

Samsung SDI, GM pick battery site in Ind.

Associated Press

General Motors and Samsung SDI have selected New Carlisle as the site of a new electric vehicle battery cell plant in Indiana.

The companies announced in April the joint venture to build the more than $3 billion electric vehicle battery cell plant without specifying the location.

The plant will create 1,700 manufacturing jobs, Gov. Eric Holcomb said in a statement Tuesday.

The project is GM's fourth joint-venture battery cell factory. It has announced three others with South Korea's LG Energy Solution. A 900-worker factory near Warren, Ohio, is starting to build cells, while plants in Spring Hill, Tennessee, and Lansing, Michigan, are in the works.

The new Indiana plant will house production lines to build nickel-rich prismatic and cylindrical cells and is expected to help significantly increase the accessibility and affordability of electric vehicles. The facility near South Bend will have more than 30 GWh of capacity once finished.

The announcement comes after GM received tax incentives for the plant from St. Joseph County Council in Indiana.

GM has five plants in Indiana with more than 5,700 employees. It has stated a goal to sell only electric vehicles by 2035.

On Monday, GM announced a $632 million investment at its Fort Wayne, Indiana, light-duty truck plant for production of next-generation internal combustion engine pickups.

Construction on the new plant is expected to start within the next year, supporting more than 1,000 jobs during the build. The companies plan to start production in New Carlisle in 2026.

The Detroit News contributed.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Toyota aiming for solid-state battery

TOKYO — Toyota plans to make an all solid-state battery as part of its ambitious plans for battery electric vehicles, the company said Tuesday.

Toyota Motor Corp. aims for a commercial solid-state battery as soon as 2027. Charging time, one of the main drawbacks of electric vehicles, will get shortened to 10 minutes or less, the company said.

It plans to deliver 1.5 million EVs in 2026 by expanding its battery EV lineup.

EV owners usually have charging stations in their homes and keep their cars plugged in overnight to recharge. That's one of the main reasons Toyota has long insisted that hybrids are a better solution. Toyota President Koji Sato has said the company must now play catchup after falling behind in the EV sector.

Bunge, Viterra in $18B ag buyout

St. Louis-based Bunge is buying Viterra in a deal valued at approximately $18 billion to create a global agricultural giant.

Shareholders of Netherlands-based Viterra will receive about 65.6 million shares of Bunge stock, valued at about $6.2 billion and about $2 billion in cash. Bunge will assume $9.8 billion of Viterra debt.

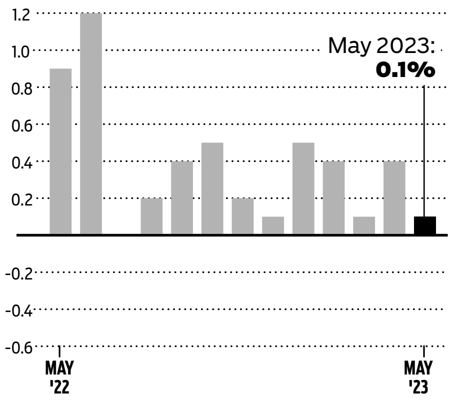
Bunge's grain and soft seed handling capacity will grow while it expands origination capabilities in key regions and crops where Bunge doesn't have a strong presence.

The deal would vault Bunge closer to the size of Archer-Daniels Midland and one of the nation's largest private companies, Cargill. But it also will likely draw antitrust regulators. The combined business will keep the Bunge name and its headquarters.

Consumer Price Index

In May, the consumer price index gained 0.1 percent

CPI ONE-MONTH PERCENT CHANGE
Seasonally adjusted



SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics **TNS**

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Amazon's first-quarter earnings report showed its cloud unit, AWS, made $21.4 billion and grew 16% — much slower than the 37% growth rate a year prior. **MARK LENNIHAN/AP 2019**

Amazon AWS earnings slow as businesses alter cloud mix

By Haleluya Hadero
Associated Press

NEW YORK — When the pandemic hit three years ago, Amazon was one of the few businesses that thrived.

Customers flocked to the online commerce site amid global lockdowns. But even when those lockdowns eventually lifted and Amazon's sales slowed as people returned to stores, the company could still count on its massive cash cow: Amazon Web Services.

Now even the lucrative cloud services business is feeling pressure.

Companies are trimming their expenses amid concerns about high inflation and fears of a recession. And many of them are being more cautious about their cloud costs, leading to a slowdown in one of Amazon's profitable businesses. The tech giant's first-quarter earnings report showed its cloud unit generated $21.4 billion and was growing at 16% in the first three months of this year — much slower than the 37% growth rate a year prior.

It is under those circumstances that AWS is hosting its two-day security-focused cloud conference that started Tuesday in Anaheim, California. The meeting is one of several big events that Amazon hosts annually to tout its cloud offerings to clients or other companies that might be interested in storing their data on its vast network of servers around the world.

AWS is the market leader in the cloud arena, and its customers include some of the world's biggest players, such as Netflix, Coca-Cola and government agencies. But Amazon executives have said the unit is facing short-term headwinds as companies look for ways to save money by reallocating spending or cutting back on features they don't need.

Results for the second quarter aren't expected to be out until late July, but there's some indication the slowdown hasn't reversed. The company told analysts in April that AWS' growth rate for that month was 5% lower than the first quarter.

Google and Microsoft, which offer competing cloud businesses, posted strong showings in their businesses during the most recent quarter, but they've also seen some slowdown in recent months. Still, it's easier for them to keep growing compared to Amazon, which can face more hurdles since it's already a market leader and has to grow a larger customer base, said Sid Nag, an analyst at the IT research and consultancy Gartner.

Another challenge for Amazon, Nag said, is that businesses are increasingly using multiple cloud services and moving away from single providers, a strategy that can boost tech options and prevent companies from being reliant on only one vendor. The firm predicts more than 90% of businesses will use multiple providers by 2026, a jump from 76% in 2020.

Despite the pullback, AWS is still expected to be a long-term revenue driver for Amazon. Nag said many companies can't afford to run their own data centers.

Last month, Amazon said it plans to spend more than $12 billion on cloud infrastructure in India by 2030, adding to multibillion-dollar cloud deals in Malaysia and Australia. Amazon also plans to build five data centers in Oregon after getting a $1 billion tax break.

Report: Companies shoot for 'net-zero' sans credible plans

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

The Shell Norco refinery in Norco, La. Many companies are pledging to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but a report finds the goal rarely has a credible plan. **GERALD HERBERT/AP**

BONN, Germany — A growing number of companies are pledging to cut their greenhouse gas emissions to "net zero" as part of global efforts to tackle climate change, but that goal is rarely supported by a credible plan, according to a report published Monday.

The idea behind net zero is to stop adding planet-warming gas to the atmosphere, either by preventing the emissions in the first place or removing an equivalent amount through natural or technological means. Scientists say the world needs to reach net-zero emissions by 2050 to limit global warming to 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit compared with pre-industrial times.

The net-zero goal has gained traction in recent years. While 149 countries have such targets, up from 124 in late 2020, the number of publicly listed corporations aiming for net zero increased from 417 to 929, according to the Net Zero Stocktake report compiled by experts from four independent research organizations.

"You can see cities talking about net zero, companies talking about net zero. And if you go to supermarkets, you see climate-neutral or carbon-neutral products," said Takeshi Kuramochi, one of the report's authors. "But then you don't know what exactly they mean and whether they're really contributing to this transition to global net-zero emissions."

Unlike with national targets, the criteria for net-zero efforts at the subnational or company level aren't clearly defined.

The authors decided to apply a basic checklist to corporate claims, based on a United Nations campaign called Race to Zero. This includes setting interim targets and covering all the emissions a company is responsible for, including those caused by the use of its products.

Less than 5% of the companies examined passed the test, said Kuramochi, a senior climate policy researcher at the Germany-based NewClimate Institute.

Questionable claims about their environmental efforts have landed a number of companies in hot water recently, with fossil fuel firms in particular accused of greenwashing by excluding some of the emissions caused by their business — particularly the burning of oil and gas by consumers — from their tally.

Britain's Advertising Standards Authority last week censured Spanish oil and gas company Repsol for an ad about its net-zero plans that was "likely to mislead" consumers. A complaint against energy giant Shell was also upheld, with the body saying that ads failed to make clear how much of the company's business results in high emissions.

"Evidence of misleading or outright greenwashing climate claims provided by independent research will only increase in the future," Kuramochi said. "I expect to see a lot more litigation cases in the coming years."

He said it might be more effective for companies to focus on achieving the biggest emissions cuts they can as soon as possible rather than using creative accounting to meet net-zero goals.

"If they are to commit to more robust and transparent targets, that would be better than outright greenwashing in the name of net zero," Kuramochi said.

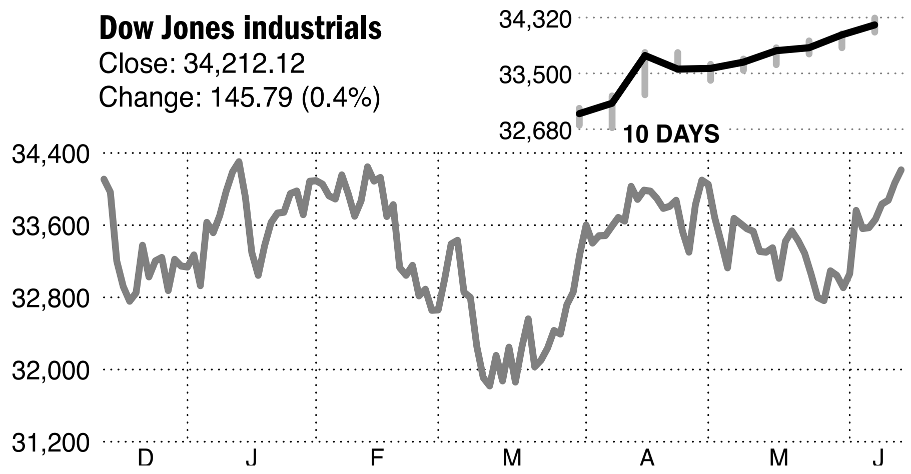
The report was compiled by experts at the Energy and Climate Intelligence Unit of the University of North Carolina's Data-Driven EnviroLab, the NewClimate Institute and Oxford Net Zero.

It follows a separate peer-reviewed study published last week in the journal Science that raised questions about the credibility of net-zero targets at the national level.

Its authors say taking government pledges at face value risks exaggerating the likelihood that warming can be capped at 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 34,310.28 Low: 34,107.98 Previous: 34,066.33



Dow Jones industrials
Close: 34,212.12
Change: 145.79 (0.4%)

Nasdaq	
↗	**+111.40** *(+.83%)*
Close	13,573.32
High	13,594.40
Low	13,473.19
Previous	13,461.92

S&P 500	
↗	**+30.08** *(+.69%)*
Close	4,369.01
High	4,375.37
Low	4,349.31
Previous	4,338.93

Russell 2000	
↗	**+23.12** *(+1.23%)*
Close	1,896.33
High	1,903.00
Low	1,878.09
Previous	1,873.21

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
↗	↘	↗	↘	↗
+.08	**-10.70**	**+.67**	**-.0029**	**+2.30**
to 3.82%	to $1,944.60	to 140.29/$1	to .9268/$1	to $69.42

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.90	+2.24	+1.99
↗	↗	↗

30-day % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+3.63	+9.97	+6.30
↗	↗	↗

1-year % change

DOW	NASD	S&P
+12.67	+25.35	+16.96
↗	↗	↗

FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	634.50	649.25	626.75	636.25	+2.50
		Sep 23	646	661.25	638.75	648	+2
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	617	625	610.75	612.50	-4.75
		Sep 23	543.25	555	537.50	546	+2.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Jul 23	1373.25	1415.50	1371.75	1399.25	+26.50
		Aug 23	1291.75	1334.75	1289.75	1321.75	+29.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Jul 23	54.15	55.59	53.98	55.43	+1.45
		Aug 23	53.25	54.70	53.05	54.57	+1.50
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Jul 23	397.40	404.00	396.00	397.50	+.10
		Aug 23	390.50	396.90	389.00	390.90	+.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Jul 23	67.31	69.83	67.15	69.42	+2.30
		Aug 23	67.45	69.97	67.31	69.58	+2.29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, $ per mm btu	Jul 23	2.284	2.370	2.275	2.340	+.074
		Aug 23	2.352	2.433	2.344	2.407	+.071
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Jul 23	2.4938	2.5779	2.4905	2.5579	+.0753
		Aug 23	2.4074	2.4826	2.4034	2.4644	+.0671

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. *Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ*

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	101.86	+.46	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	67.34	+1.10	Mondelez Intl	O	72.72	-.09
AbbVie Inc	N	138.31	+.58	Equity Residential	N	65.99	+.34	Morningstar Inc	O	204.61	+2.52
Allstate Corp	N	113.45	+1.10	Exelon Corp	O	39.80	-.11	Motorola Solutions	N	279.99	-1.31
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.21	-.18	Federal Signal	N	61.99	+.74	NiSource Inc	N	27.05	-.07
Arch Dan Mid	N	74.28	+1.11	First Indl RT	N	51.82	+.27	Nthn Trust Cp	O	74.75	+1.16
Baxter Intl	N	43.47	+.76	Fortune Brands Innov	N	67.18	+.33	Old Republic	N	24.83	+.01
Boeing Co	N	220.38	-1.18	GATX	N	126.41	+1.84	Packaging Corp Am	N	131.96	+1.12
Brunswick Corp	N	89.05	+3.99	Gallagher AJ	N	208.76	+.52	Paylocity Hldg	O	192.00	+3.01
CBOE Global Markets	N	135.77	+.30	Grainger WW	N	736.98	+14.65	RLI Corp	N	129.83	-.39
CCC Intellig Solut	O	11.05	-.07	Hyatt Hotels Corp	N	116.67	+.37	Ryan Specialty Group	N	42.46	-.22
CDW Corp	O	175.40	+2.13	IDEX Corp	N	208.83	+1.83	Stericycle Inc	O	45.62	+.04
CF Industries	N	69.45	+1.34	ITW	N	244.60	+4.83	TransUnion	N	75.44	+.95
CME Group	O	177.74	-1.61	Ingredion Inc	N	107.58	+.46	TreeHouse Foods	N	52.84	+1.64
CNA Financial	N	38.97	+.17	John Bean Technol	N	121.58	+1.79	US Foods Holding	N	41.93	-.34
Caterpillar Inc	N	245.44	+7.54	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	152.66	+1.16	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	443.76	+18.85
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	34.49	+.17	Kraft Heinz Co	O	36.80	+.22	United Airlines Hldg	O	53.19	+1.88
Deere Co	N	398.24	+11.11	LKQ Corporation	O	54.90	+.33	Ventas Inc	N	45.91	-.16
Discover Fin Svcs	N	117.72	+2.90	Littelfuse Inc	O	272.31	+3.83	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	31.95	+.31
Dover Corp	N	145.15	+2.08	McDonalds Corp	N	288.55	-.02	Wintrust Financial	O	71.83	+1.60
Envestnet Inc	N	54.63	+.64	Middleby Corp	O	143.93	+1.71	Zebra Tech	O	283.39	+3.40

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Palantir Technol	16.00	+.35
Carnival Corp	15.34	+.62
Ford Motor	14.13	+.35
Lumen Technologies	2.13	+.30
Bank of America	29.40	+.27
AT&T Inc	15.82	-.11
Carvana Co A	23.51	+2.25
Oracle Corp	116.68	+.25
Petrobras	13.27	-.71
Ginkgo Bioworks Hldg	1.94	-.01
Unity Software Inc	38.58	+2.59
Pfizer Inc	40.28	+.38
AMC Entertainment A	5.00	+.21
Norwegian Cruise Ln	19.47	+1.06
Vale SA	13.90	+.13
Medical Prop Trust	9.30	+.09
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.68	+.06
Transocean Ltd	5.86	+.15
fuboTV Inc	2.21	+.30
Banco Bradesco ADS	3.46	+.03
Nu Holdings Ltd	7.54	-.08
US Bancorp	32.70	+.54
WeWork Inc	.20	+.02
ChargePoint Holdings	9.62	+.72

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ideanomics Inc	.09	+.03
Tesla Inc	258.71	+8.88
Adv Micro Dev	124.53	-4.66
Nikola Corp	.91	+.15
SoFi Technologies	9.54	+.38
Mullen Automotive	.32	-.06
First Wave BioPharm	1.52	+.38
Faraday Fut Intllgnt	.33	+.01
Lucid Group Inc	6.55	+.28
Nvidia Corporation	410.22	+15.40
Apple Inc	183.31	-.48
T2 Biosystems	.06	-.00
Intel Corp	33.91	+.84
Amazon.com Inc	126.66	+.09
Rivian Automotive A	15.25	+1.25
Plug Power Inc	10.91	+.54
Opendoor Technol	2.93	+.31
Grab Holdings Ltd A	3.45	+.01
Marathon Digital Hld	9.68	+.35
FuelCell Energy	2.79	+.19
micromobility.com	.21	-.06
YS Biopharma Co Ltd	1.47	+.23
Cisco Syst	50.80	+.32
Huntgtn Bancshs	11.24	+.28

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3233.67	+4.8/+.2
Stoxx600	463.65	+2.9/+.6
Nikkei	33018.65	+584.7/+1.8
MSCI-EAFE	2137.64	+22.7/+1.1
Bovespa	116742.71	-593.6/-.5
FTSE 100	7594.78	+24.1/+.3
CAC-40	7290.80	+40.5/+.6

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alphabet Inc C	124.43	+.08
Alphabet Inc A	123.83	+.19
Amazon.com Inc	126.66	+.09
Apple Inc	183.31	-.48
Berkshire Hath B	336.39	+2.79
Broadcom Inc	851.12	-4.24
Eli Lilly	445.72	+.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	106.44	+.02
JPMorgan Chase	142.02	+1.02
Johnson & Johnson	160.74	+.84
Meta Platforms Inc	271.32	+.27
Microsoft Corp	334.29	+2.44
Novo Nordisk AS	157.63	-1.12
Nvidia Corporation	410.22	+15.40
Taiwan Semicon	106.80	-.26
Tesla Inc	258.71	+8.88
Unitedhealth Group	491.31	-1.28
Visa Inc	223.40	-2.77
WalMart Strs	155.30	+1.20

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month Disc	5.11	5.14
6-month disc	5.14	5.15
2-year	4.67	4.58
10-year	3.82	3.74
30-year	3.94	3.90

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	$1944.60	$1955.30
Silver	$23.756	$23.985
Platinum	$981.90	$995.30

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	8.25
Discount Rate Primary	5.75
Fed Funds Target	5.00-5.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.54

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys . . .

Argentina (Peso)	247.1577
Australia (Dollar)	1.4788
Brazil (Real)	4.8626
Britain (Pound)	.7935
Canada (Dollar)	1.3311
China (Yuan)	7.1679
Euro	.9268
India (Rupee)	82.318
Israel (Shekel)	3.5600
Japan (Yen)	140.29
Mexico (Peso)	17.2133
Poland (Zloty)	4.16
So. Korea (Won)	1271.46
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.65
Thailand (Baht)	34.70

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG IN $	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	30.25	+.06	+8.0
American Funds AmrcnMutA m	49.30	+.27	+7.5
American Funds CptWldGrIncA m	56.86	+.39	+15.5
American Funds CptlIncBldrA m	63.87	+.19	+6.1
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	67.63	+.46	+17.9
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	59.82	+.53	+20.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.67	+.07	+4.9
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	46.78	+.28	+19.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	54.79	+.46	+18.7
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	55.14	+.27	+12.6
Baird AggrgateBdInstl	9.66	-.05	+1.0
Dodge & Cox IncI	12.40	-.03	+2.3
Dodge & Cox IntlStkI	47.28	+.33	+12.3
Dodge & Cox StkI	224.99	+1.91	+11.0
Fidelity 500IdxInsPrm	152.06	+1.05	+18.5
Fidelity BCGrowth	153.22	+1.38	+31.2
Fidelity Contrafund	14.63	+.08	+23.3
Fidelity GlobalexUSIdx	13.62	+.12	+12.8
Fidelity GroCo	29.83	+.28	+33.2
Fidelity IntlIdxInstlPrm	46.14	+.40	+18.6
Fidelity InvmGradeBd	9.92	-.04	+1.6
Fidelity TtlMktIdxInsPrm	120.84	+.94	+17.9
Fidelity USBdIdxInsPrm	10.24	-.05	+.7
Metropolitan West TtlRetBdI	9.12	...	-1.1
PIMCO IncInstl	10.41	-.02	+5.4
PIMCO TtlRetIns	8.49	-.04	+.7
Schwab SP500Idx	66.90	...	+13.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	404.32	+2.80	+18.5
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	42.90	+.12	+10.9
Vanguard DivGrInv	35.61	+.17	+9.8
Vanguard EqIncAdmrl	83.90	+.60	+7.1
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	142.37	+.98	+27.6
Vanguard HCAdmrl	91.31	+.34	+21.8
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.45	...	+3.5
Vanguard InsIdxIns	365.81	+2.53	+18.5
Vanguard InsIdxInsPlus	365.81	+2.53	+18.5
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	103.08	+.91	+18.5
Vanguard MdCpIdxAdmrl	267.60	+2.92	+11.5
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	151.56	+1.50	+21.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	9.98	-.03	+2.3
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	94.76	+1.19	+13.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Fd	26.99	+.03	+7.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Fd	17.97	+.05	+8.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Fd	34.09	+.12	+10.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Fd	21.17	+.09	+11.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2040Fd	37.46	+.19	+12.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2045Fd	25.32	+.15	+13.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2050Fd	42.11	+.27	+14.2
Vanguard TrgtRtr2055Fd	46.98	+.30	+14.3
Vanguard TrgtRtrIncFd	12.82	-.01	+5.0
Vanguard TtBMIdxAdmrl	9.53	-.05	+.7
Vanguard TtBMIdxIns	9.53	-.05	+.7
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Vanguard TtInSIdxIns	122.18	+.95	+12.2
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Trump gets cheers, jeers in Miami

Outside courthouse, crowd includes both sides, global media

By Joshua Goodman and Sara Burnett
Associated Press

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Demonstrators rally outside the federal courthouse Tuesday in Miami. **JOSE A. IGLESIAS/MIAMI HERALD**

MIAMI — Supporters of former President Donald Trump honked their horns and screamed wildly as he arrived at the courthouse in downtown Miami to make his first appearance on criminal charges that he improperly held on to classified documents.

Hundreds of journalists from around the world were also on hand at the federal courthouse, as were anti-Trump protesters. Among the crowd, some waved signs and flags, with the two factions at times shouting over one another. Journalists from China, the UK, Australia, France, Luxembourg, New Zealand, Germany and Switzerland were among the hundreds of reporters who have converged on the courthouse — some having spent several days camped out in the muggy heat.

Those gathered outside did not interact with Trump, who rode in an SUV as part of a motorcade that entered the courthouse garage for his hearing on felony charges. Still, some sang "Happy Birthday" to Trump, who will turn 77 Wednesday.

The international attention and growing crowds were another sign of the extraordinary nature of the event and the person at the center of it. A criminal defendant like no other, Trump is the first former president to appear before a federal judge on criminal charges. He also is leading the Republican field for the 2024 presidential nomination and has been the front-runner even as he has faced other legal troubles.

Security was evident. A yellow-tape police line and about a half-dozen federal police vehicles formed a barricade, keeping people from a palm tree-lined breezeway and the public entrance to the modern, largely glass Wilkie D. Ferguson federal courthouse. A police helicopter passed overhead at times, and about two dozen Miami police officers on bikes circled the building.

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez, who stopped by the courthouse Tuesday, had said the city was ready to handle any protests.

The scene included what is now a staple of a Trump appearance or rally. People selling shirts with Trump's face in a mock mugshot, with letters reading "NOT GUILTY," others hawking hats but also, fitting for Miami, mangoes.

As people awaited Trump's arrival, some waved Trump 2024 flags, supporting his bid for president. Another man, who opposes Trump, dressed in black-and-white prison stripes and held a sign reading "LOCK HIM UP." At times, people shouted past each other, and small groups of Trump backers and Trump protesters squabbled, occasionally yelling obscenities at each other.

Dominic Santana, who showed up in the jailhouse uniform complete with handcuffs and a plastic ball and chain, said he "wanted to join the circus."

Santana came to the U.S. as a child from Cuba and retired in Miami after decades operating an eatery in the New York area. The 61-year-old considers himself a political independent and says his mother and daughter voted for Trump.

"A fellow New Yorker can spot a rat a mile away," he said. "Frankly, he should've been locked up ages ago."

Among those who arrived early were a father and son, Florencio and Kevin Rodriguez, who came to the U.S. 15 years ago seeking asylum from dictatorship in Cuba.

Wearing a shirt that reads "Jesus is my savior, Trump is my president," Kevin Rodriguez said it's possible Trump is guilty of illegally retaining classified documents.

But he questioned the fairness of the proceedings in light of what he said was prosecutors' lax attitude toward President Joe Biden and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton — both of whom have also been accused of mishandling classified intelligence albeit without any intention of hiding their actions.

Madelin Munilla, 67, who came to Miami as a child when her parents fled Fidel Castro's revolution in Cuba, carried a sign with a photo of Biden alongside other leaders such as Castro, comparing the U.S. president with those who had their opposition put in jail.

"This is what they do in Latin America," she said.

Others came to counter the Trump supporters. Jack Kaplan, 68, drove two hours from Fort Pierce. Toting a copy of the indictment affixed to a clipboard and a sign reading "Trump is Toast," the retired car dealer said he'll celebrate with a $1,400 bottle of Mouton Rothschild red wine if Trump is locked away.

"I've already got the bottle sitting in my wine cooler," said Kaplan as a Trump supporter carrying a sign reading "Keep America Great" walked by. "I'm going to have a big party."

In a Walmart parking lot in Orlando, about four dozen people dressed in red, white and blue clothing — some wearing T-shirts that said "Donald Trump Did Nothing Wrong" — boarded two buses for the four-hour trip to Miami. They planned to show their support for the former president outside the federal courthouse.

"He has done so much for us. This is what we can do for him. This is what we must do for him," said Laurie Pettengill, who drove halfway across the state from Homosassa Springs on Florida's Gulf Coast to go on the journey.

The trip, which was organized by a group called the Florida Republican Assembly, originally had been planned to accommodate four busloads of people.

As the Trump supporters boarded the buses, a lone woman, Danette Chialtas, shouted at them, calling them traitors for supporting Trump.

"He's being tried on espionage charges, and they are enabling it," Chialtas said, pointing to the buses.

Russians counterattack over contested villages

Ukraine hunting for weak spot in dense Kremlin defenses

By Andrew E. Kramer
The New York Times

Firefighters help a resident remove belongings Tuesday at an apartment building struck by Russian forces in Kryvyi Rih, Ukraine. **MAURICIO LIMA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine — After a week of giving ground to the Ukrainian army in the opening phase of Kyiv's counteroffensive, Russian forces struck back Tuesday in an area where Ukraine had earlier announced it had retaken several villages.

The Russians attacked with aviation and artillery barrages, a spokesperson for the Ukrainian military said. One village at the center of the fighting, Makarivka, was reduced to ruins through the course of the day.

The Russian attack came after thunderstorms swept over southern Ukraine, muddying the terrain and complicating operations for both armies. Ukraine is in the early stages of a counteroffensive to reclaim territory seized by Russia in the country's south.

After announcing it had recaptured a series of farming villages over the weekend, Ukraine's military said it had achieved only minimal gains Tuesday as its forces continued to probe Russian defenses and to repel the Russian attack on the village of Makarivka.

Ukraine has pushed forward in at least two locations in southern Ukraine, but there are no indications that it has breached the dense Russian defenses, which include minefields, trenches for infantry and concrete barriers to stop tanks.

As Ukrainian troops push forward, they leave their own defensive trenches and move farther from the protection of air defense systems. While shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missiles can be quickly brought up to the new position, more sophisticated, vehicle-mounted systems would be put at risk from Russian artillery. That leaves the advancing troops more open to Russian aerial attacks, as the Russian counterstrike at Makarivka suggests.

The slow-moving fighting has been in keeping with what military analysts had suggested should be expected at the start of Ukraine's counteroffensive. As Ukraine hunts for a place to drive a wedge through Russian-occupied land in the southeast, it has yet to commit the bulk of the forces that Western allies have trained and equipped for the counteroffensive.

Russia has built multiple lines of fortifications on the plains where Ukraine is attacking and has heavily mined the ground to slow Ukraine's tanks and armored vehicles.

On Tuesday, the Russian Defense Ministry published a video purporting to show its forces capturing an undisclosed number of Bradleys and German-made Leopard tanks left behind by Ukrainian forces fighting in Zaporizhzhia. The date of the video could not be immediately confirmed.

At least nine American-made Bradley fighting vehicles were abandoned by Ukrainian troops or destroyed in the early days of the counteroffensive, based on videos and photographs posted by pro-war Russian bloggers and verified by The New York Times.

Military analysis site Oryx, which visually confirms and tallies equipment losses, has recorded an additional seven Bradleys and four Leopard tanks abandoned or destroyed in the region over that time period, as well as Finnish-made Leopard mine-clearing tanks.

A spokesperson for the Ukrainian military's general staff, Andriy Kovalev, told a television news broadcast Tuesday that Ukrainian forces had advanced about 500 to 1,000 yards in some locations in the south, although he did not specify where.

Elsewhere, Ukrainian authorities said at least 11 people were killed and 34 wounded overnight in a Russian missile strike on the city of Kryvyi Rih, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's hometown.

Images from the latest missile attack relayed by Zelenskyy on his Telegram channel showed firefighters battling a blaze as flames poked through broken windows in a damaged apartment building. Charred and damaged vehicles littered the ground.

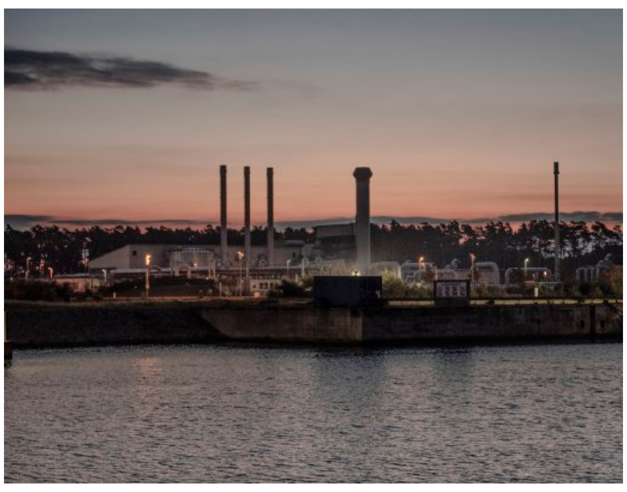
"More terrorist missiles," he wrote. "Russian killers continue their war against residential buildings, ordinary cities and people."

Without providing details of the locations or timing, the Russian Defense Ministry said Russian forces used long-range air-launched cruise missiles to hit Ukrainian military reserves and depots holding Western weapons and ammunition.

In Washington, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg told President Joe Biden at an Oval Office meeting Tuesday that Ukrainians are "making progress" with their counteroffensive, which could bolster their position when there's an opportunity to reach a diplomatic end to the war with Russia.

Biden said NATO has grown more unified during the Ukraine war, and "we're going to be building on that momentum" when the alliance holds its annual summit July 11 and 12 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Associated Press contributed.



The Nord Stream 1 pipeline emerges from the Baltic Sea at this facility in Lubmin, Germany. **THE NEW YORK TIMES 2022**

CIA told Ukraine in '22 not to attack pipelines

By Julian E. Barnes and Michael Schwirtz
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — The CIA told Ukrainian officials last summer that it had learned of what it thought was an aborted plot by the Ukrainians to attack the Nord Stream pipelines, and the agency reinforced its objection to any such operation.

In June 2022, Dutch intelligence officials shared information with the CIA that they had learned the Ukrainian military had been planning an operation using divers to blow up one of the pipelines, according to U.S. and European officials. But the original tip by the Dutch, according to a U.S. official, was that Ukraine had reconsidered and canceled the operation.

In reality, U.S. officials now believe, the operation was not aborted but delayed, potentially with a different Ukraine-aligned group carrying out the attack.

Explosions destroyed parts of the pipelines, which carry natural gas from Russia to Europe, in September. The Ukrainian government denied responsibility for the attack.

But German investigators later learned that a group of Ukrainians had rented a boat, loaded it with explosives and attacked the pipeline. U.S. intelligence agencies now believe the operation was carried out at least with the loose direction of the Ukrainian government, but they do not know who exactly planned the operation.

It is unclear which U.S. official delivered the message about the pipeline attack to Ukraine. It was not delivered by senior level officials, however, because the United States already believed that Kyiv had reconsidered the wisdom of the attack, according to the American official. It was also not clear how the Ukrainians responded to the Americans' message.

Iran still holds reporters in prison

Journalists reported on woman who died over state dress code

By Vivian Yee and Leily Nikounazar
The New York Times

Journalists Niloufar Hamedi, left, and Elaheh Mohammadi were among the first to report on the death of Mahsa Amini, sparking a massive wave of protests in Iran. They were later arrested as enemies of the state. **MEHRDAD ALADIN/PICTURE-ALLIANCE**

Iranian journalist Niloufar Hamedi specialized in covering women's issues. So when her editor noticed an Instagram post about a young woman in a hospital in bad shape after being arrested for violating the country's strict Islamic dress code, Hamedi headed straight there.

She found relatives of the woman, Mahsa Amini, 22, holding one another tightly in a fluorescent-lit ward inside Kasra Hospital in Tehran, Iran. She snapped a picture and posted it on Twitter — and then it went viral. That was Sept. 16, the day Amini died.

Anti-government protests soon spread around Iran, igniting chants of "Women, life, freedom," and they shook the country for many months. But Hamedi, 30, was not there to witness it: She had been arrested days after Amini's death.

A week later, Elaheh Mohammadi, 36 — a journalist who had traveled to Amini's hometown, Saghez, Iran, to report on her funeral — was also imprisoned. After spending more than eight months in custody, both journalists went on trial late last month, charged with conspiring with foreign intelligence agencies to undermine national security.

"They are both full of life and passion, and they were fighting with their journalism to improve women's lives and status in Iran," said Amir Hossein, a Tehran-based journalist. "Instead of investigating the causes and the people behind Mahsa Amini's death," he added, "the regime began blaming the journalists who brought it to light in the first place."

"What can I say?" Hossein said. "That's the reality of journalism in Iran."

The protests, which lasted for months, have long since fizzled, dispelled by a violent government crackdown that killed at least 573 people, according to human rights groups. But for many of those involved, an official reckoning goes on: Authorities have executed seven protesters, and at least eight more are on death row. At least 95 journalists have been arrested, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Hamedi and Mohammadi have won widespread sympathy and acclaim in the West, even landing a spot in Time magazine's 100 most influential people this year.

"We rarely hear the details" of the abuses of Iranian citizens by authorities, the citation read. Because of their reporting, it added, "This time was different."

Back home, however, Iranian officials made the prosecution of the two women a high priority.

A joint statement by Iran's Revolutionary Guard and the Ministry of Intelligence after their arrests accused them of inciting people to protest, claiming that they were agents of enemy countries trained to publish inflammatory reports on Amini's death to provoke chaos. Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, called the statement "significant."

Closed-door trials began for both women last month in revolutionary courts, which the government uses to prosecute sensitive security-related cases. Little information has emerged from the proceedings, but Hamedi's husband, Mohamad Hossein Ajorlou, and a lawyer for Mohammadi have said that the journalists' lawyers were banned from speaking in their defense.

Ajorlou, also a journalist, said no family members were allowed to attend.

Hamedi denied the accusations against her in the first trial session, saying she had simply done her job as a journalist, her husband said on Twitter.

More than 500 Iranian journalists have signed a petition calling on the court to respect the women's legal rights. But many were afraid to speak to The New York Times about their case, and the few who did asked to be identified by only their first names out of concern about government repercussions.

"These two journalists have become icons of professional journalism in Iran in the face of all the restrictions and the censorship," said Asal, 31, a former reporter for the daily newspaper Shargh, which Hamedi worked for. "Their imprisonment is not just the imprisonment of two journalists, but the imprisonment of professional journalism in Iran."

Both reporters had spent years preparing for a moment like Amini's death.

Hamedi, who was born in the northern Iranian city of Babolsar and had a master's degree in physical education, first worked as a sports reporter. That led her to articles about Iran's ban on women in sports stadiums, which, in keeping with the government's rigid insistence on preserving women's modesty, prevented female fans from watching soccer and other sports in person.

She developed an appetite, and a talent, for articles on women's rights.

One examined the discrimination, restrictions and domestic violence that had played a part in driving some Iranian women to set themselves on fire. Another delved into Iran's underground market for illegal abortions and the risks women faced to get them.

Mohammadi, a native of the city of Shahin Shahr in central Iran, majored in Persian literature as an undergraduate and earned a master's degree in gender studies. As a journalist for newspapers and news websites, she traveled to some of the remotest parts of the country, interviewing women about their experiences. Her best-known work described sexual harassment and violence against women.

These days, held in Gharchak-Varamin prison, the women have little to do but knot bracelets of colorful thread for friends and family.

Mohammadi has lost more than 20 pounds while in detention, according to Instagram posts by her sister Elnaz Mohammadi, but has kept her spirits up.

According to a fellow inmate, Hamedi keeps busy with yoga, meditation and running, an activity she used to do with her husband.

In January, Ajorlou tweeted a photograph of his wife smiling over a pan of homemade pizza, along with a recording of a call she had made from prison. She was reading him a diary entry, as she often did, this one about baking a cheesecake for her fellow inmates.

"Here," she said, "in the prison of Gharchak-Varamin, life still finds its way to us."

In March, her husband wrote that he had run a marathon in her honor.

"Niloufar believes that enduring prison is like training for a marathon," he said. "Daily suffering. But imagining the joy of the finish line cancels out all the pain."

Five months into his wife's imprisonment, Ajorlou posted a letter of dismissal he said he had received from IRNA, an Iranian state-owned news agency, after 13 years of working there. The letter, according to a screenshot, said that the agency no longer needed his services.

THE NATIONAL COVID MEMORIAL WALL

People visit Britain's National Covid Memorial Wall on Tuesday in London. The hand-painted hearts are dedicated to those lost in the coronavirus pandemic. **ALASTAIR GRANT/AP**

UK COVID-19 inquiry asks if deaths could've been limited

By Jill Lawless
Associated Press

LONDON — A mammoth three-year public inquiry into the U.K. government's handling of the response to COVID-19 opened Tuesday by asking if some suffering and death could have been avoided with better planning — and whether Britain's complex, protracted exit from the European Union distracted authorities from preparing for potential threats.

Lawyer Hugo Keith, counsel to the inquiry, said the pandemic brought "death and illness on an unprecedented scale" in modern Britain. He said COVID-19 was recorded as a cause of death for 226,977 people in the U.K.

"The key issue is whether that impact was inevitable," he said. "Were those terrible consequences inexorable, or were they avoidable or capable of mitigation?"

A group of people who lost relatives to COVID-19 held pictures of their loved one outside the inquiry venue, an anonymous London office building. The first day of public hearings began with a 17-minute video in which people described the devastating impact of the pandemic on them and their loved ones.

Heather Hallett, a retired judge leading the inquiry, praised the families' "dignified vigil." She said the inquiry was taking place "on their behalf and on behalf of the millions who suffered and continue to suffer" because of COVID-19.

Britain's pandemic death toll is one of the highest in Europe, and the decisions of then-Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government have been endlessly debated. Johnson agreed in late 2021 to hold an inquiry after pressure from bereaved families.

The inquiry is due to hold hearings until 2026. It will investigate the U.K.'s preparedness for a pandemic, how the government responded and what lessons can be learned.

Senior scientists and officials, including Johnson, are expected to appear as witnesses. Hallett, who has the power to summon evidence and question witnesses under oath, is currently in a legal battle with the government over her request to see an unedited trove of notebooks, diaries and WhatsApp messages between Johnson and other officials.

U.K. public inquiries are often thorough but rarely quick. An inquiry into the 2003 Iraq war and its aftermath began in 2009 and issued its 2.6-million-word report in 2016.

Hallett says she will release findings after each section, rather than waiting until hearings conclude.

Keith said the first section would look at whether British planning relied too heavily on the mistaken belief a future pandemic would resemble influenza.

Keith also said planning for Britain's exit from the EU, which consumed government energies for years after voters backed Brexit in a 2016 referendum, distracted resources from work to prepare for potential pandemics.

"That departure required an enormous amount of planning and preparation, particularly to address what were likely to be the severe consequences of a no-deal exit on food and medicine supplies, travel and transport, business borders and so on," he said.

White House highlights wins in surveillance renewal push

By Nomaan Merchant
Associated Press

Matt Olsen, assistant attorney general of the DOJ's National Security Division, testifies at Tuesday's hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee. **JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP**

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has used electronic surveillance programs to catch fentanyl smugglers and the hackers who temporarily shut down a major U.S. fuel pipeline, the White House said Tuesday as part of its push to have those programs renewed by Congress.

Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act expires at the end of this year. President Joe Biden's administration is trying to persuade Congress to renew the law, which authorizes spy agencies to capture huge swaths of foreign emails and phone calls. But lawmakers in both parties have concerns about protecting Americans' privacy from warrantless searches after a series of FBI errors and misuses of intelligence data.

As part of its public campaign, the Biden administration released what it said were newly declassified examples of how U.S. intelligence uses Section 702. And the FBI announced new penalties for employees who misuse intelligence data in advance of a Senate Judiciary Committee meeting Tuesday during which Democrats and Republicans rebuked the bureau.

Previous administrations have often cited the importance of Section 702 in stopping terrorism.

This time, the White House and supporters of Section 702 are targeting concerns over fentanyl, a synthetic opioid blamed for 75,000 U.S. deaths last year, and the shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline, which led to gas shortages along the East Coast two years ago.

Senior administration officials briefed reporters on the new examples Monday on condition of anonymity under ground rules set by the White House.

Among the other examples the officials gave: The U.S. learned about Beijing's efforts to track and repatriate Chinese dissidents; the FBI was able to warn an American who was the target of foreign spies seeking information about the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; and the U.S. identified the people behind an Iran-linked ransomware attack against nonprofit groups last year.

The United States has already credited Section 702 with being used in the operation to kill al-Qaida head Ayman al-Zawahri and providing large amounts of the intelligence briefed daily to the president and other top officials.

Under Section 702, the National Security Agency collects large amounts of foreign emails, phone calls and other communications that the NSA and other agencies can then search for intelligence purposes.

That collection often snares the communications of Americans. While U.S. spy agencies are barred from targeting U.S. citizens or businesses, they can search Americans' names in Section 702 data and the FBI can use that data to investigate domestic crimes.

A series of surveillance court opinions and government reports has disclosed that FBI agents at times have failed to follow rules on searching that data. Agents wrongly ran queries for the names of a congressman on the House Intelligence Committee, people linked to the Jan. 6 insurrection, and participants in protests following the police killing of George Floyd in 2020.

Senators on the Judiciary Committee praised Section 702 for its national security purposes but also said the FBI's mistakes had damaged its reputation with Congress and the public.

"What I'm trying to tell my constituents back home (is) the threats to the country are growing, they're not lessening," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and the top Republican on the panel, adding: "Bottom line is let's reauthorize this program and build in some safeguards."

But panel chairman Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., said of the FBI's current reforms, "I've got to see more."

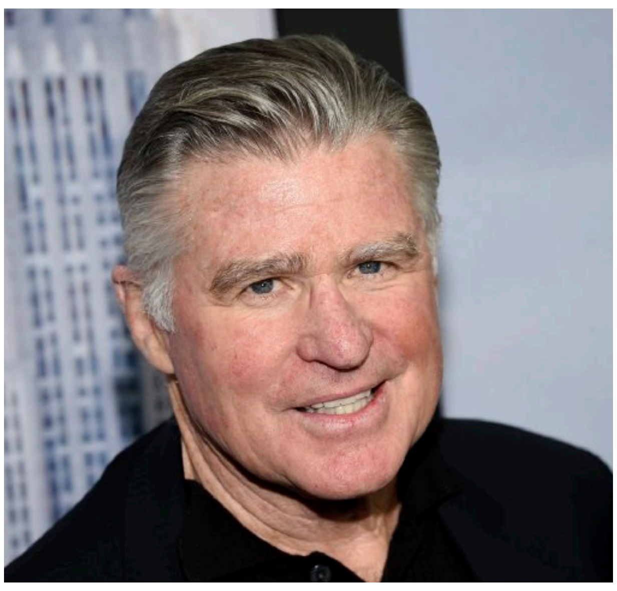
Many in the GOP are deeply angry at the FBI for the mistakes as well as for omissions in the bureau's investigation of former President Donald Trump's ties to Russia.

And some Democrats say they won't vote to renew Section 702 without new restrictions on access to U.S. citizens' communications. Graham on Tuesday also said he was concerned about Americans' data being accessed without a warrant.

TREAT WILLIAMS 1951-2023

Earnest actor known for roles in 'Hair' film, TV's 'Everwood'

By Mike Ives
The New York Times



Actor Treat Williams attends the world premiere of "Second Act" on Dec. 12, 2018, in New York. **EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION**

Treat Williams, an actor known for his roles in the movies "Hair" and "Deep Rising" and the TV show "Everwood," has died at 71.

Williams died Monday after an SUV crashed into his motorcycle in Dorset, Vermont, the Vermont State Police said in a statement.

The crash occurred in the late afternoon near the Vermont-New York border.

The Vermont State Police said that a southbound SUV attempting to turn left into a parking lot drove into the path of Williams' northbound Honda motorcycle, adding that Williams was "unable to avoid a collision and was thrown from his motorcycle."

Williams, who was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash, suffered critical injuries and was pronounced dead at a medical center in Albany, New York, after being airlifted there, the state police said.

The 35-year-old man whose vehicle hit Williams was not hospitalized.

Police said an investigation was underway. No other details were immediately available.

Richard Treat Williams was born Dec. 1, 1951, in Stamford, Connecticut. "Treat" is a Welsh name that has been in his family for generations.

Williams moved with his family to Rowayton, Connecticut, as a young child, he told Vermont Magazine in a 2021 interview.

His father was a World War II veteran who later worked for the Merck pharmaceutical company. His mother owned a sailing and swimming school on Long Island Sound.

"Looking back on my younger years, I had an idyllic childhood, but I didn't initially realize how idyllic it truly was until I grew older," he told the magazine.

Williams began acting in seventh grade, he told Vermont Magazine. Later, at Franklin and Marshall College in Pennsylvania, he quit the football team to focus on acting.

Within a few years, he was on Broadway as the understudy to four of the male leads in "Grease," including John Travolta.

Then he began picking up roles in films starring James Earl Jones, Michael Caine and other A-list stars.

One of his highest-profile roles was playing a hippie in the 1979 film version of the hit musical "Hair," directed by Milos Forman.

But his success wasn't always assured. After a movie he starred in flopped in 1980 — the comedy "Why Would I Lie?" — Williams started flying planes for a company in Los Angeles.

"I'd done eight films, none of which had been successful," he told The New York Times in 1981. "I felt so out of control. I wasn't working with people I wanted to work with. I was very frustrated."

Williams eventually came back to show business and racked up four more decades of roles in a wide variety of film and television projects.

He appeared in more than 120 TV and film roles, including the lead roles of a police officer-turned-informant in the 1981 film "Prince of the City" and a boat captain in the 1998 action movie "Deep Rising."

He also appeared in "The Eagle Has Landed" and "Once Upon a Time in America."

He was nominated for a Golden Globe Award for his role as hippie leader George Berger in "Hair."

He also starred in "Everwood," a WB television series about a New York neurosurgeon who starts a new life with his family in the mountains of Colorado after his wife dies in a car crash. The show debuted in 2002 and ran for four seasons.

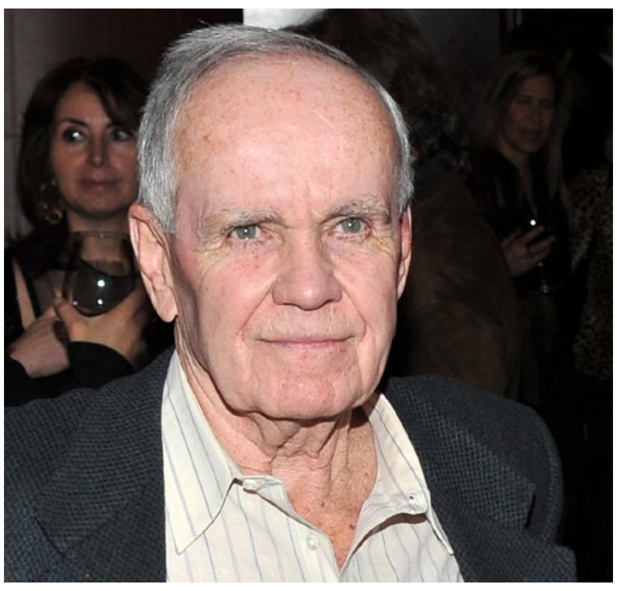
Information about Williams' survivors was not immediately available.

Associated Press contributed.

CORMAC MCCARTHY 1933-2023

Novelist's fame, achievement came resoundingly late in life

By Sue Major Holmes and Hillel Italie
Associated Press



Writer Cormac McCarthy, known for novels such as "The Road," died Tuesday at age 89. **STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY 2011**

Cormac McCarthy, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist who in prose both dense and brittle took readers from the southern Appalachians to the desert Southwest in such novels as "The Road," "Blood Meridian" and "All the Pretty Horses," died Tuesday. He was 89.

McCarthy died of natural causes in Santa Fe, New Mexico, publisher Alfred A. Knopf said.

McCarthy was compared to William Faulkner for his Old Testament style and rural settings. McCarthy's themes, like Faulkner's, often were bleak and violent and dramatized how the past overwhelmed the present. Across stark and forbidding landscapes and rundown border communities, he placed drifters, thieves, prostitutes and old, broken men — all unable to escape fates determined for them well before they were born. As the doomed John Grady Cole of McCarthy's celebrated "Border" trilogy would learn, dreams of a better life were only dreams and falling in love an act of folly.

Born Charles McCarthy Jr. in Providence, Rhode Island, on July 20, 1933, he was the third of six children in an Irish Catholic family. The family moved frequently before settling in Knoxville, Tennessee, where his father worked as an attorney for the powerful Tennessee Valley Authority.

McCarthy's own story was one of belated, and continuing, achievement and popularity. Little known to the public at age 60, he would become one of the country's most honored and successful writers despite rarely talking to the media. He broke through commercially in 1992 with "All the Pretty Horses," and over the next 15 years, the author won the National Book Award and the Pulitzer, was a guest on Oprah Winfrey's show and saw his novel "No Country for Old Men" adapted by the Coen brothers into an Oscar-winning movie.

"The Road," his stark tale of a father and son who roam a ravaged landscape, brought him his widest audience and highest acclaim. It won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize for fiction and was selected by Winfrey for her book club.

In 2022, Knopf made the startling announcement that it would release McCarthy's first work in more than 15 years, a pair of connected novels he had referred to in the past: "The Passenger" and "Stella Maris," narratives on a pair of mutually obsessed siblings and the legacy of their father, a physicist who had worked on atomic technology.

His first novel, "The Orchard Keeper" — written in Chicago while he was working as an auto mechanic — was published by Random House in 1965. His editor was Albert Erskine, Faulkner's longtime editor.

Other novels include "Outer Dark," published in 1968; "Child of God," published in 1973; and "Suttree" from 1979. The violent "Blood Meridian," about a group of bounty hunters along the Texas-Mexico border murdering Indians for their scalps, was published in 1985.

His "Border Trilogy" books were set in the Southwest along the border with Mexico: "All the Pretty Horses" (1992) — a National Book Award winner that was turned into a feature film; "The Crossing" (1994), and "Cities of the Plain" (1998).

McCarthy attended the University of Tennessee for a year before joining the Air Force in 1953. He returned to the school from 1957 to 1959, but left before graduating. As an adult, he lived around the Great Smoky Mountains before moving West in the late 1970s, eventually settling in Santa Fe.

Ariz. may pipe water from Mexico

Phoenix considers desalination site on sea 200 miles away

By Christopher Flavelle
The New York Times

Arizona water official Chuck Podolak said any water project "will seem crazy and ambitious — until it's complete." **ADRIANA ZEHBRAUSKAS/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

PUERTO PENASCO, Mexico — Fifty miles south of the U.S. border, at the edge of a city on the Gulf of California, a few acres of dusty shrubs could determine the future of Arizona.

As the state's two major sources of water, groundwater and the Colorado River, dwindle from drought, climate change and overuse, officials are considering a hydrological Hail Mary: the construction of a facility in Mexico to suck salt out of seawater, then pipe that water hundreds of miles, much of it uphill, to Phoenix.

The idea of building a desalination plant in Mexico has been discussed in Arizona for years. But now, a $5 billion project proposed by an Israeli company is under serious consideration, an indication of how worries about water shortages are rattling policymakers in Arizona and across the American West.

On June 1, the state announced that the Phoenix area, the fastest-growing region in the country, doesn't have enough groundwater to support all the future housing that has been approved. Cities and developers that want to build projects beyond what has been allowed would have to find new sources of water.

State officials are considering whether to set aside an initial $750 million toward the cost of the desalination project, although Gov. Katie Hobbs, a Democrat, has yet to endorse it.

"Desal in Mexico is a highly likely outcome for Arizona," said Chuck Podolak, the state official in charge of finding new sources of water. Last year, lawmakers agreed to give his agency, the Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona, $1 billion toward that mission. He said whatever water project gets built "will seem crazy and ambitious — until it's complete. And that's our history in Arizona."

Desalination plants are common in coastal states such as California, Texas and Florida, and in more than 100 other countries. Israel gets more than 60% of its drinking water from the Mediterranean.

The Arizona project would be unusual because of the distance involved and the fact that the state is landlocked. The water would have to travel some 200 miles, climbing more than 2,000 feet along the way, to reach Phoenix.

"We live in a world with gravity," said Meagan Mauter, an associate professor of civil and environmental engineering at Stanford University and an expert on desalination. "The minute you have to move water around, you have huge fixed costs."

The plant would allow Arizona to continue growing — but at a high cost.

It would flood the northern Gulf of California with waste brine, threatening one of Mexico's most productive fisheries. It would carve a freeway-size corridor through Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, a U.S. national monument and UNESCO site, established to protect a fragile desert ecosystem. And the water it provided would cost roughly 10 times more than water from the Colorado River.

In a sense, Arizona has been here before. The state owes its boom to super-human-scale water projects, culminating in the 336-mile, $4 billion aqueduct that diverts Colorado River water to Phoenix and Tucson. IDE Technologies, the Israeli company behind the new desalination proposal, has seized on that legacy, calling its project "an infinite and unlimited reverse Colorado."

That message has found an audience. According to IDE, even before the announcement of a groundwater shortage, representatives from Phoenix and a half-dozen cities around it met with the company to learn about the project.

Environmentalists contend that instead of importing water from another country, the state should protect its limited supplies by having fewer lawns, fewer swimming pools and, maybe, fewer houses.

"What Arizona really needs to do is implement stronger water conservation," said Miche Lozano, who until recently was Arizona program manager for the National Parks Conservation Association. "The pipeline is just such a big, dumb idea."

The proposed source of Arizona's salvation is Puerto Penasco, a city of 60,000. From the ocean, the city is a ribbon of luxury villas and high-rise condos, fronted by soft beaches unfurling into turquoise water. Tourists from Phoenix, who make up the bulk of visitors, call it by its Anglicized name, Rocky Point. Its unofficial moniker is Arizona's beach.

But behind the glamour is a city of unpaved roads and low cinder block structures, covered in dust and sand blown in from the desert around it. A third of the population lives in poverty. Among its other problems: Puerto Penasco can't provide enough potable water for its own residents.

The city is a nightmare version of Arizona's own future. Lacking surface water, it relies on underground aquifers, whose supply has dwindled as the population has grown. When tourism swells in the summer, water pressure in the pipes drops; residents must rely on whatever they've managed to store in cisterns.

The Israeli company has said it would provide Puerto Peñasco with some potable water as part of its proposal, though not how much or at what price. IDE declined to comment for this story.

NEWS BRIEFING

US military: Chopper accident in Syria hurts 22 American troops

From news services

BEIRUT — A helicopter accident in northeastern Syria over the weekend left 22 American service members injured, the U.S. military said Tuesday, adding that the cause was under investigation and no enemy fire was involved.

The military statement said the service members were receiving treatment and 10 were moved to "higher care facilities" outside the region.

"A helicopter mishap in northeastern Syria resulted in the injuries of various degrees of 22 U.S. service members," it said. "No enemy fire was reported."

Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said at a media briefing that the mishap involved one double-rotor MH-47 Chinook helicopter. The Chinook "had a problem with one rotor that caused a hard landing during takeoff," Singh said.

All of the service members involved in the crash were in stable condition, she said.

A spokesman for the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces did not immediately respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

There are at least 900 U.S. forces in Syria on average, along with an undisclosed number of contractors. U.S. special operations forces also move in and out of the country, but are usually in small teams and are not included in the official count.

U.S. forces have been in Syria since 2015 to advise and assist the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces in the fight against the militant Islamic State group. Since the extremist group was defeated in Syria in March 2019, U.S. troops have been trying to prevent any comeback by IS, which swept through Iraq and Syria in 2014, taking control of large swaths of territory.

However, IS sleeper cells remain a threat. There are also about 10,000 IS fighters held in detention facilities in Syria and tens of thousands of their family members living in two refugee camps in the country's northeast.

Over the past years, U.S. troops have been subjected to attacks carried out by Islamic State group members and Iran-backed fighters there. In late March, a drone attack on a U.S. base killed a contractor and wounded five American troops and another contractor. In retaliation, U.S. fighter jets struck several locations around the eastern province of Deir el-Zour, which borders Iraq.

Britain stabbing attack: A knife-wielding assailant stabbed two college students to death in the streets of the English city of Nottingham and then fatally stabbed a middle-aged man, stole his van and ran down three pedestrians in a shocking rampage early Tuesday morning, police said.

Police arrested a 31-year-old man on suspicion of murder. The Nottinghamshire Police force said investigators believe the perpetrator acted alone and detectives were working with counterterrorism officers to try to establish a motive.

A man who was among the people struck in the hit-and-run was hospitalized in critical condition. The dead included two 19-year-old students from the University of Nottingham. A graduation ball scheduled for Tuesday evening was canceled.

Mexico violence: The mayor of the Mexican border city of Tijuana said she has decided to live at an army base for her own safety after she received threats.

Mayor Montserrat Caballero announced the decision after confirming that police had found seven dead bodies stuffed in a pickup truck on Monday at a gas station in Tijuana.

Local media reported the army base is on the southern edge of Tijuana, about 5 miles from the city hall.

Caballero did not say who the threats had come from. The Tijuana city government said in a statement the threats were related to her administration's "strong results in weapons seizures and arrest of violent suspects."

It is well known that several drug cartels are waging turf battles in Tijuana, across the border from San Diego, California.

Israel-Egypt border clash: The Israeli military said Tuesday that it would discipline three officers over a rare attack on the Egyptian border that killed three Israeli soldiers and exposed a series of mishaps earlier this month.

An Egyptian security officer slipped into Israeli territory undetected on June 3 and killed the three Israeli soldiers in two separate shootings in the usually quiet border area.

The Egyptian policeman easily breached the security gate because it was left unlocked, the Israeli military revealed Tuesday. It said Israeli forces suffered from poor planning and staffing, adding that the military would immediately seal off the southern border, boost the number of soldiers at lookouts and reduce the length of their shifts. Currently, soldiers are expected to remain alert, even in the desert heat, for 12 hours at a time.

Egypt had publicly offered a different version of events, saying that a member of its security forces had crossed the Israeli border while pursuing drug smugglers and had exchanged fire with Israeli troops.

'Obamacare' services: The government can keep enforcing "Obamacare" requirements that health insurance plans cover preventative care — such as HIV prevention, some types of cancer screenings and other illnesses — while a legal battle over the mandates plays out, under a court agreement approved Tuesday.

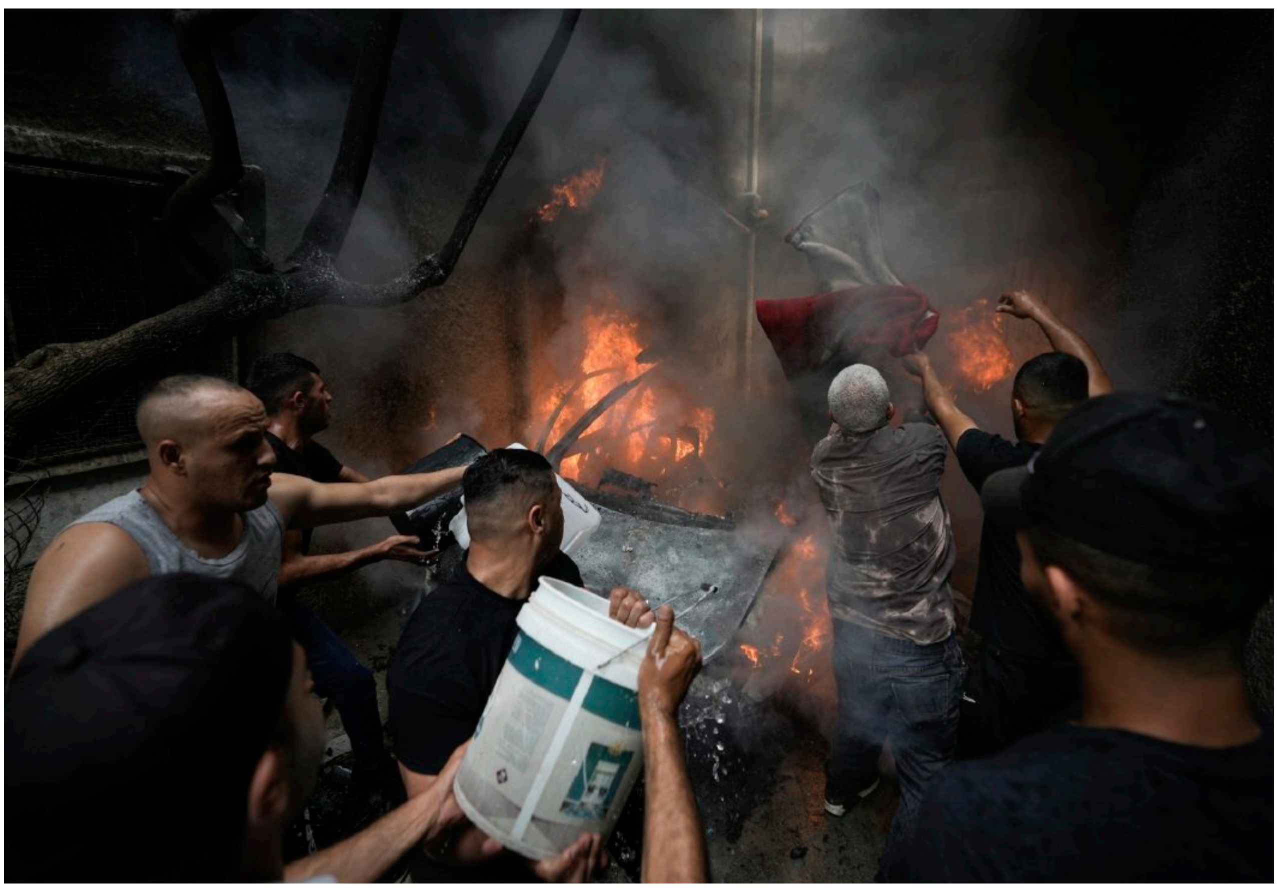
The pact approved by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals preserves — at least for now — cost-free preventive care coverage for millions of Americans under the Affordable Care Act.

That coverage was thrown into question by a March ruling from a federal judge in Texas, who said some of the preventive care requirements under former President Barack Obama's health care law are unconstitutional. The agreement was filed with the court Monday. In it, the plaintiffs in the case, including a Christian dentist who opposes coverage for contraception and HIV prevention on religious grounds, agreed to a broad stay nationwide. In return, during the appeal process, the handful of plaintiffs would be allowed to provide insurance plans that don't include the preventive care.

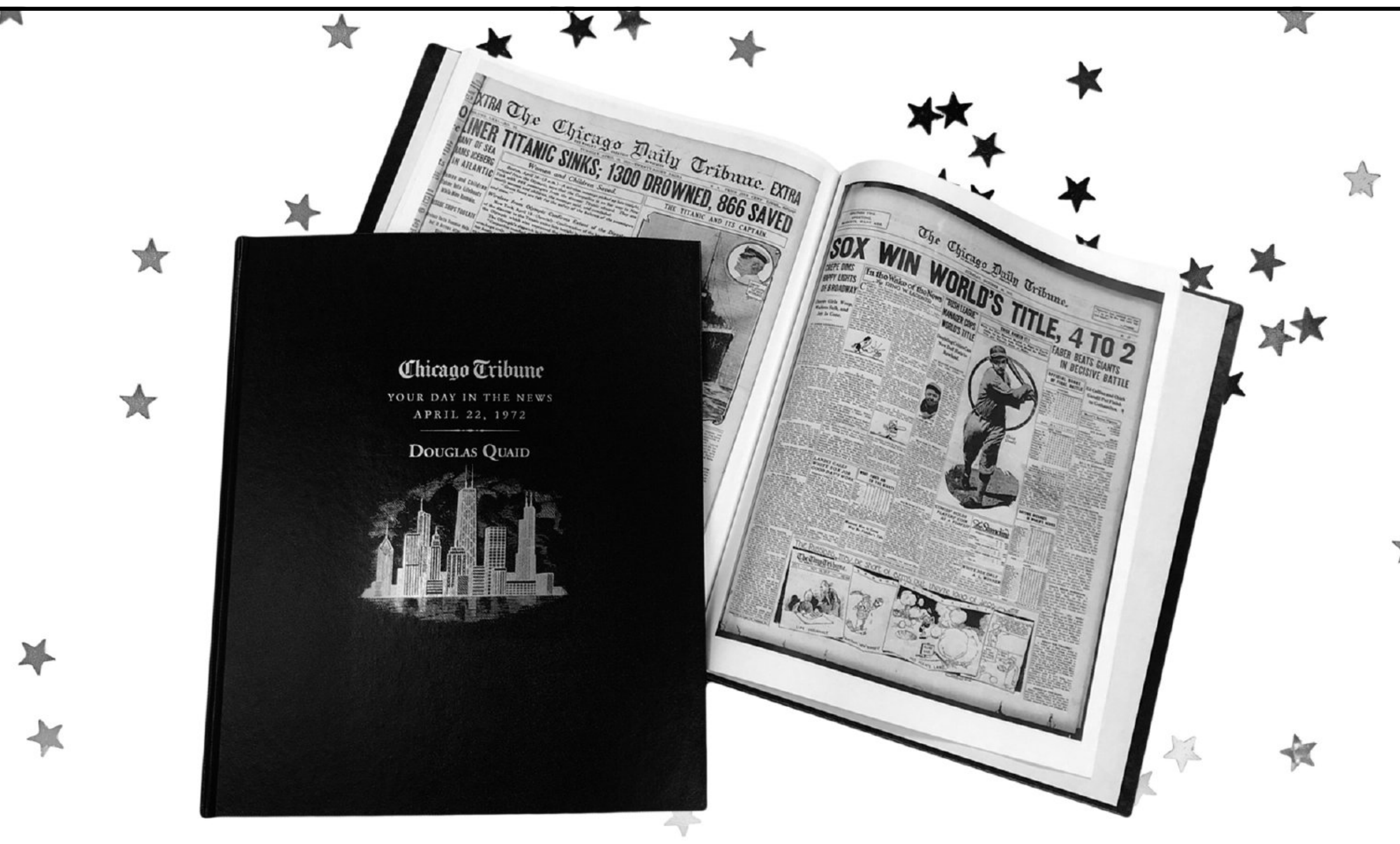
South Asia cyclone: Pakistan's army and civil authorities planned to evacuate 80,000 people to safety along the country's southern coast before the arrival of Cyclone Biparjoy, and thousands living in low-lying regions of western India already have sought shelter from the tropical storm system, officials said Tuesday.

The cyclone forecast to slam ashore Thursday is expected to be the most powerful to hit western India and Pakistan since 2021. On Tuesday morning, Biparjoy was in the Arabian Sea 292 miles south of Karachi, Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority said.

The cyclone was packing maximum sustained winds of 111 mph, according to the India Meteorological Department. It is projected to make landfall near Jakhau port in the Kutch district of India's Gujarat state.



Palestinians try to extinguish a burning car Tuesday in the northern occupied West Bank after Israeli security forces raided the Balata refugee camp. The raid Tuesday set off a gunfight with militants that killed a 19-year-old Palestinian man, but Israeli forces reportedly failed to arrest a wanted militant in the heavily militarized camp near the city of Nablus. **MAJDI MOHAMMED/AP**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12 "celebronauts" compete to see if they could survive on Mars in the reality series "Stars on Mars." **FOX PHOTOS**

'An incredibly well-done piece of propaganda'

Fox reality show 'Stars on Mars' is 'Big Brother' meets 'The Martian'

Nina Metz

I'm not usually drawn to reality TV. But when physicist Chanda Prescod-Weinstein mentioned that she was watching the Fox series "Stars on Mars," which premiered earlier this month, my interest was piqued.

The premise is "Big Brother" meets the 2015 Matt Damon sci-fi survivalist drama "The Martian."

Twelve celebrities — sorry, *celebronauts*, in the show's parlance — begin at the outset, with an elimination round each week, and they range from former pro athletes (Marshawn Lynch) to nepo babies (Tallulah Willis, daughter of Demi Moore and Bruce Willis) to legitimate Hollywood actors ("Superbad's" Christopher Mintz-Plasse) to reality TV veterans (Tom Schwartz of Bravo's "Vanderpump Rules").

Can they survive life on Mars? Or rather, a televised simulation? The show has devised all kinds of tasks to find out. So off they go to the Australian town of Coober Pedy, where the landscape approximates the dusty, reddish, barren look of Mars, and their indoor habitat is equipped with a command center, living quarters, a gym and a biodome where they are expected to grow their own food.

"Star Trek" alumnus William Shatner hosts.

Marshawn Lynch, from left, Ronda Rousey, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Tom Schwartz, Richard Sherman, Ariel Winter and Lance Armstrong make up the crew of "celebronauts" on "Stars on Mars.".

Prescod-Weinstein is a professor of physics and astronomy at the University of New Hampshire, but she is also an avid consumer of pop culture and reality TV. And in her words, the show is "an incredibly well-done piece of propaganda" that aims to normalize the idea of space commercialization.

It wouldn't be the first time. Propaganda has been part of Hollywood's output going back decades. The authors of "Hollywood Goes To War: How Politics, Profits and Propaganda Shaped World War II Movies" note that, through a combination of patriotism and the profit motive, "Hollywood became a compliant part of the American war machine." And the 2022 documentary "Theaters of War" looks at the Pentagon's more recent involvement with certain big-budget movies.

But I don't know if audiences make that same connection when watching TV and film set in space. We often think of these stories as merely science fiction.

"Stars on Mars" engages in the usual reality tropes. At one point "Modern Family" star Ariel Winter says: "The fact that we have an astronaut (here) is so crazy." She's referring to ... disgraced pro cyclist Lance Armstrong, who is among the cast, confusing him with *Neil* Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon in 1969, and who died

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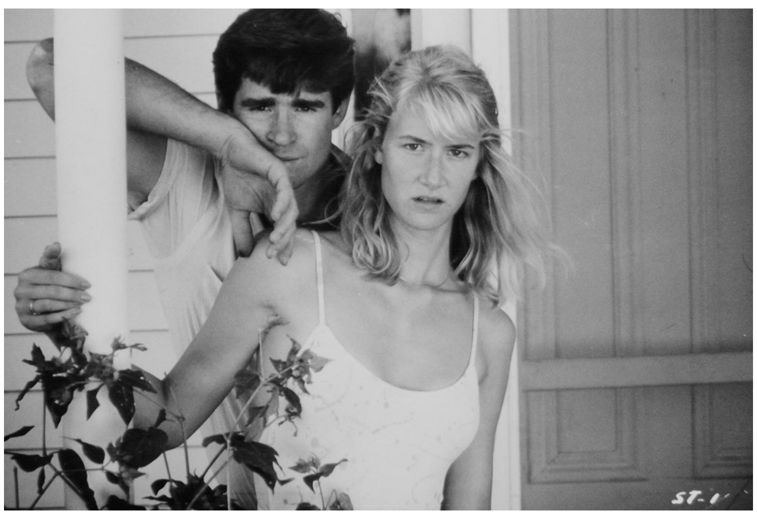
APPRECIATION TREAT WILLIAMS

A triple threat, just shy of Hollywood stardom



Treat Williams and Laura Dern in a scene from the 1985 movie "Smooth Talk". **INTERNATIONAL SPECTRAFILM/AMERICAN PLAYHOUSE**

Michael Phillips

Actor Treat Williams: versatile, rock-solid, widely respected. And now, gone. He died June 12 in Dorset, Vermont, after his motorcycle collided with an S.U.V. turning into a parking lot, according to Vermont State Police.

For Williams, the days preceding that day were typical of his family life in rural Vermont. Last year, in a Vermont Magazine feature, Williams spoke gratefully of his marriage to Pam Van Sant, and their two children. "Every day I wake up so grateful to see the view that I see out of my window and to be living up here," he said. He and Van Sant married in 1988 and the union lasted 35 years.

He was 71.

Williams worked with several world-class film directors — Milos Forman, Steven Spielberg, Sidney Lumet, Sergio Leone — without quite reaching world-class movie star status himself. One or two conspicuous commercial hits would've helped. But that's rarely about the actors, or the acting; stardom often lies a bridge too far, even for even a fine and consistently valuable actor such as Williams.

From "1941" to "Everwood" to his final appearance, across six episodes of "Blue Bloods," as well as a string of yuletide specials in the Hallmark Cinematic Universe, Williams enjoyed a working actor's half-century on stage, on film and on TV. The screenwork constituted the Hollywood part. The theater — mostly but not entirely in New York — was the other main part. By all accounts he was a wonderful colleague and, to reword the title of his 1981 Lumet film, a prince of two cities and three mediums.

On screen I first saw Williams in "The Ritz" (1976), outlandishly broad but he's very funny in it. (At one point he's pawed,

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Host Pat Sajak has announced his plans to retire from the game show "Wheel of Fortune." **ABC**

CELEBRITIES

Sajak to take final 'Wheel' spin in '24

From news services

Pat Sajak is taking one last spin on "Wheel of Fortune," announcing Monday that the show's upcoming season will be his last as host.

Sajak announced his retirement from the venerable game show in a tweet.

"Well, the time has come. I've decided that our 41st season, which begins in September, will be my last. It's been a wonderful ride, and I'll have more to say in the coming months. Many thanks to you all," the tweet said.

Sajak, 76, has presided over the game show, which features contestants guessing letters to try to fill out words and phrases to win money and prizes, since 1981. He took over duties from Chuck Woolery, who was the show's first host when it debuted in 1975.

Along with Vanna White, who joined the show in 1982, Sajak has been a television mainstay. The show soon shifted to syndication and aired in the evening in many markets, becoming one of the most successful game shows in history. Sajak will continue to serve as a consultant on the show for three years after his retirement as host.

In recent years, some of Sajak's banter and chiding of contestants have become fodder for social media. That prompted Sajak to remark in his retirement post about doing another season: "(If nothing else, it'll keep the clickbait sites busy!)"

AI aids last Beatles record: Artificial intelligence has been used to extract John Lennon's voice from an old demo to create "the last Beatles record," decades after the band broke up, Paul McCartney said Tuesday.

McCartney, 80, told the BBC that the technology was used to separate the Beatles' voices from background sounds during the making of director Peter Jackson's 2021 documentary series, "The Beatles: Get Back." The "new" song is set to be released later this year, he said.

Jackson was "able to extricate John's voice from a ropey little bit of cassette and a piano," McCartney told BBC radio. "He could separate them with AI, he'd tell the machine 'That's a voice, this is a guitar, lose the guitar.' "

McCartney didn't identify the name of the demo, but the BBC and others said it was likely to be an unfinished 1978 love song by Lennon called "Now and Then." The demo was included on a cassette labeled "For Paul" that McCartney had received from Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, the BBC reported.

Aduba expecting first child: There's a baby on the way for actor Uzo Aduba. The "Orange Is the New Black" star is expecting her first child with her husband, writer-director Robert Sweeting, whom she quietly wed in 2020.

Aduba, 42, confirmed the news Sunday on Instagram, sharing a video that showcased the crispest of baby onesies along with a gentle "ta-da!"

"What a blessing," she added in the caption. "My husband Robert and I are so happy to enter this next chapter together as parents. I am beyond excited. I get to be someone's Mommy!"

June 14 birthdays: Actor Marla Gibbs is 92. Singer Rod Argent is 78. Actor Will Patton is 69. Bassist Marcus Miller is 64. Singer Boy George is 62. Actor Traylor Howard is 57. Actor Faizon Love is 55. Screenwriter Diablo Cody is 45. Actor Torrance Coombs is 40. Actor Kevin McHale is 35. Actor Lucy Hale is 34.

ASK AMY

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Anxious teen struggling to live in moment

Dear Amy: I'll be a junior in high school in the fall. So far, high school has been bland. The only excitement for me is the fact that I'm going to Japan on a school trip soon.

I want to attend an out-of-state college because I want to have a fresh start. I want to have some kind of friend group, have a boyfriend and attend parties.

I have a hard time making decisions because I'm so worried that whatever I choose will be a bad decision and affect my future. I tend to dwell on the future rather than the present.

I tend to be very hard on myself, which makes me feel like I'm my own worst enemy. I'm always worrying about things instead of just relaxing and "being a teenager."

I feel like I'm behind in everything that should happen to teenagers. Sometimes I want to stop trying because nothing is going right. But other times, I want to keep going and see what happens. What should I do?

— *Doubting Everything in Life*

Dear Doubting Everything: Let me start by assuring you that what you are going through is very much within the norm, not only for teenagers, but for people at every stage of life.

As a former anxious and doubting teenager, I'll pass along my own hard-earned wisdom: Life unfolds in fits and starts, and anxiety doesn't change the outcome. Looking back, the only regrets I have are those things I was too scared or anxious to try.

Many teens are saddled with a very short view of their own futures; this is why the teen years tend to be experimental, but aside from times when poor judgment leads to accidents, injury or pregnancy, very few decisions you make now will change the course of your life.

College isn't really the experience you see portrayed in the media. It will definitely broaden your choices, but you'll still be yourself, with many of the same questions, concerns and insecurities. That's why it is important for you to understand that the only person locking you into a specific future is you.

My advice for you is to deliberately shorten your view. For the rest of the summer, promise yourself not to look beyond the summer. This overseas trip is an amazing opportunity to live in the moment and to form friendships. If you don't slow down your racing thoughts, you will miss what's in front of you.

Researching Zen Buddhism as practiced in Japan might help you to comprehend that there is no purpose in being somewhere if all you are doing is thinking of going somewhere else. Write down these words: Be here now.

Dear Amy: We received an invitation to a graduation party for a deserving young man. Suddenly, one week before the graduation party we received a Facebook invite to an "additional celebration." The young graduate's sister accepted a promotion at her company and will be moving out of state for her new job. The graduation party is now a dual party.

Do we take a going away gift for the daughter? If yes, what is an appropriate gift and how much should we spend? We are giving $100 to the graduate.

— *Confused Friends*

Dear Confused: Adults who get job promotions already have their party gift — the promotion.

If you are close to this young woman and want to celebrate her good news, then you could give her a coffee card for a modest amount ("your first few brews in your new home are on us!"). Otherwise, it's not necessary to give the sister anything except your sincere expressed delight and excitement about her new adventure.

Dear Amy: I had to share with my co-workers the letter from "Grateful Grandchild," who wanted their inheritance in advance in order to travel.

We came up with different options. There wasn't a single person who thought that this request would be OK, which you very delicately pointed out. (Too delicately!)

First, this grandchild should look up the word "inheritance." It is something left upon a person's passing, not before.

— *Working It*

Dear Working It: First of all, I love hearing that these questions are shared and discussed. And while I am seldom accused of being "too delicate," I take your point!

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eagerly, by Rita Moreno's Googie Gomez, reprising her Tony-winning turn in the stage version of Terrence McNally's gay bathhouse romp.) Williams cut his teeth in Broadway musicals, first with the Andrews Sisters World War II nostalgia trip "Over Here!" In that one he worked alongside fellow soon-to-be-knowns John Travolta, Marilu Henner and Ann Reinking. (In one clip on YouTube you can spy Williams in the background, at the 2:35 mark.)

Williams also did Danny Zuko on Broadway in "Grease," a few years into its long, long run. I saw his Pirate King after Kevin Kline left "The Pirates of Penzance" in the early '80s — a vocally challenging, physically demanding role Williams handled with aplomb. By then, he'd proven to the movie world he could sing, dance and act, thanks to Forman's 1979 film version of the musical "Hair." It more than holds up; a screening of "Hair" at the 2017 Ebertfest in Champaign, Illinois, revealed a work of serious staying power, thanks in large part to Williams. His brashly exuberant turn as Berger surely provided Aaron Tviet his primary reference point in Apple TV's second season of "Schmigadoon!" aka "Schmicago!"

I haven't seen it in far too long, but in director Joyce Chopra's unnerving "Smooth Talk" (1985), Williams and Laura Dern enact a remarkable duet of adult sexual predator and teenage victim. Its welter of dramatic ambiguities are striking, perhaps more so today than ever. The project came for Williams at the tail end of his brush with conventional stardom in, among others, "Hair"; Spielberg's grandiose slapstick folly "1941" (1979); Lumet's police corruption saga "Prince of the City" (1981); and, in a supporting role, Leone's "Once Upon a Time in America" (1984).

What-ifs are inevitable, and painful, when an actor dies suddenly. He might've done so much more, given the chances and the material. With Williams, it's equally tantalizing to imagine the career he might've had as a young, vital presence a decade earlier — a James Caan sort of '70s stardom.

But we live in our own time. For Williams, that meant a steady stream of portrayals that improved, humbly, just about everything he did for our benefit. And our reward.

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in 2012.

I couldn't tell if this was an organic or scripted moment. Winters is a professional actor; is she playing someone who got it wrong (maybe at the prompting of producers)? Or did she really get it wrong? It wouldn't surprise me if she's unfamiliar with Lance Armstrong. But in that same vein, do we think most 25-year-olds know who Neil Armstrong is, either? I smell a setup.

Prescod-Weinstein offered this insight: Another participant on the series is Porsha Williams, who got her start on "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" and became infamous for mistaking the Underground Railroad for an actual railroad.

"My disappointment in that moment is how it was edited," said Prescod-Weinstein, "because we didn't get to hear what Porsha said to her. I want to know if Porsha was like, 'Yeah, one time I made this really terrible mistake during my first season on reality TV too.' "

I think "Stars on Mars" is too dull to be either informative *or* entertaining, but I'm curious about what it's actually doing when we scratch beneath the surface. Prescod-Weinstein and I talked further about the show's life-in-space angle.

Q: What is it about reality TV that you find so compelling?

A: I'm going to go way back and say I was 10 when I watched the first season of "The Real World" put people together in a home and filmed them — and it was people who had some kind of genuine ambition for their lives that wasn't about being famous for being filmed all the time. I think on some level, there's always a piece of me that's chasing that experience, even though I know it's no longer possible because people on these shows are so self-aware now.

Q: Your expertise is in particle physics and astrophysics, so I'm wondering if you talk about reality TV with your science colleagues?

A: I'm not sure I've ever tried to talk to any physicists about reality TV *(laughs)*. I had to pause and think about it, because I'm part of this collective called Particles for Justice and I'm trying to remember if I've ever brought it up during any of our hangouts.

Academically, I am a particle physicist, I am a cosmologist, I do astrophysics. But I also have a secondary expertise in the social studies of science. So I think that part of my brain goes to work when I'm watching these shows. But I grew up, like many grandchildren of Caribbeans, watching soap operas with my grandmother. And all these reality shows are just soap operas.

Q: Even in your professional circles, people weren't either derisively or excitedly like, "Oh, this is happening"?

A: No!

I should be forthcoming and say that nobody has sat me down and said, "Chanda, this is propaganda." But that's my educated guess, having attended a workshop that was about how to write space propaganda for pop culture.

It was at a conference for people who are thinking about the future space economy. I'm not sure the general public knows these gatherings are happening, where people are sitting around, planning the space economy. And one of the sessions had people talking about positive storytelling about space, space travel and space economies, and giving us examples.

Q: Was it a session geared toward people who want to do this, or was it a cautionary thing?

A: Oh no, there was no cautionary anything *(laughs)*. We got a worksheet on how to start crafting our own stories and it was a positive how-to.

Q: What kind of message do you think "Stars on Mars" is conveying?

A: I think the show is doing a couple of things. One, it's reaching out to an audience that's never going to watch "NOVA" on PBS or even "For All Mankind" (the Apple TV+ drama about space travel). It's basically planting the seeds of: Check out what going to Mars would be like.

Q: Normalizing the idea of it.

A: Yeah, normalizing going to Mars for an audience that's not necessarily nerdy and hanging out at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum like me *(laughs)*, and it's speaking to them in a language that's familiar.

It's also setting expectations for us about what we can expect the media presentation of the journey to the moon or to Mars to be like.

This show is coming out on the heels of the announcement of the Artemis crew. (NASA's Artemis program "will establish a sustainable presence on the Moon to prepare for missions to Mars.") So it is normalizing for people — this is what it's going to feel like culturally — without telling them this is something that's actually happening in the world.

Q: And it waves away any potential ethical questions about these real-world programs. What's your take on Shatner's involvement? Last year, after being aboard Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin space flight, he very famously said: "My trip to space was supposed to be a celebration; instead, it felt like a funeral."

A: I think Shatner is understood to be a bona fide space expert, not in the technical sense, but in terms of his relationship to the cultural significance of space and even the industrial significance of going to space. I think people accept that Shatner is a genuine spokesperson for the industry at this point. And that was true before he went to the edge of the Earth's atmosphere, which is what I would call that Blue Origin flight.

But having seen him on stage afterward at the Star Trek Convention, he seemed genuinely changed by that experience.

Q: That's why I was confused. Why he would host something like this, that gamifies the idea of life on Mars?

A: So, the kind of targeted advertising I get on social media is for the Planetary Society. And I'm very attentive to the fact that the algorithm knows I'm a "Star Trek" fan, so that's why they put Robert Picardo (who played the doctor hologram on "Star Trek: Voyager") in those advertisements and he's talking about how great it is that space commercialization is happening.

I think the way that these things are pitched to actors — who genuinely have this valuable space ambassador social capital — is: You are doing something good for humanity. Because the way that they always talk about it is: This is how we're going to bring "Star Trek" into reality.

At the Star Trek Convention, William Shatner was talking about the grief he felt about global warming and human relations on the planet. But I think everybody in the "Star Trek" family, and I would include myself, we don't think trying to build the "Star Trek" future is the problem.

For me, it's important that "Star Trek" is a socialist utopia. But for a lot of other people, they interpret it as: Going to space led to technology that made the world better.

So I think part of the propaganda is that going to space is going to solve our problems. And one of the points that many of us have been making is that we take our problems with us when we go to space.

Which is why last year, before I attended that conference about the space economy, I said I wanted to talk about what it would mean to take Black feminism into space. Because if we want to be any different in space, it means that we have to be different here on Earth. It's complicated, and the people around you are shaping what you think. And if the people around you are saying, "This is a good thing, this will help build the 'Star Trek' universe," you're not necessarily asking a lot of questions like: Doesn't that launchpad destroy an ecosystem in Texas (as happened after a recent SpaceX launch)?

Q: The climate crisis is here and life on Earth will increasingly become more difficult. Is that also another message of the show? That we have to find other places to live?

A: I think some people think that. But one of the things that was valuable about the film "The Martian" — what it was actually driving home — was just how hard it is to survive in that environment.

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Marathon making of 'Flash' reaches finish line

After years in works, DC movie beset by turmoil hits theaters

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

Michael Keaton, center, as Batman is flanked by two versions of Ezra Miller as the title hero in "The Flash." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

There were many stressful things about making "The Flash" and getting it to theaters. It was shot in the middle of a pandemic. There was isolation from friends and family for the 138-day shoot. There were A-list schedules to coordinate for cameos. There was a star in Ezra Miller who, after it wrapped, made headlines for legal run-ins amid a mental health crisis. And behind it all, a studio undergoing leadership changes and rethinking the whole DC Comics strategy.

But first, they had to figure out how to transport a two-ton Batmobile from Los Angeles to the U.K. amid a worldwide shortage of shipping containers in 2021.

This was not just any Batmobile, mind you. It was one of the originals from the Tim Burton movies that was needed for the grand return of Michael Keaton's caped crusader after 30 years — a major production that also involved building, from scratch, a life-size replica of the Batcave.

Director Andy Muschietti and his sister, producer Barbara Muschietti, waited nervously for its arrival worried whether it would make it in time or just be stuck in the middle of the ocean. They breathed a sigh of relief when it made it ashore, briefly celebrated and moved on to the next problem: how to get it into the Batcave at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden. Ultimately it involved loading it onto a modified airport cargo truck that was lifted 20 feet in the air and "gently rolled" onto set.

"Everything came with a little adventure," Barbara Muschietti said with a laugh in a recent interview.

It's an apt if intentionally understated description of getting "The Flash" into theaters on June 16. Movie versions of the lightning quick comic book character have been in various stages of development since the late 1980s. One scenario had Ryan Reynolds starring and David S. Goyer directing; another had George Miller setting the stage for spinoffs and standalones with Adam Brody.

Then in 2014, things started taking shape as Warner Bros. plotted out a shared universe of DC Comics films, including a standalone Flash starring Ezra Miller as Barry Allen, who would first appear in "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice," "Suicide Squad" and "Justice League."

But even that wasn't so straightforward, with disagreements over tone and scheduling conflicts making things complicated. Several writers and directors cycled in and out of developing "The Flash," including Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, Seth Grahame-Smith, Rick Famuyiwa, Robert Zemeckis, and John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein, and release dates were pushed back. Ezra Miller, who uses the pronoun they, even worked on their own treatment of a script.

The Muschiettis were finishing "It Chapter Two" when the studio approached them about "The Flash." They didn't concern themselves with the messy, marathon development history — they just wanted to figure out if this was worth several years of their life. In the story, Andy Muschietti found a compelling emotional core: The relationship between Barry and his mother, who was killed when he was a child and whom he wants to go back in time to save. "Back to the Future," which is referenced quite a bit in "The Flash," was one of their favorite movies, too. They were in.

"Birds of Prey" screenwriter Christina Hobson had taken a crack at the story and come out with something that was both fun and emotional and introduced the multiverse to the DC cannon. In Barry's quest to save his mother, he accidentally gets tossed into another timeline and meets a younger, different version of himself who gets swept up in the journey. It allowed for lots of possibilities, including bringing Keaton back in a movie that also has Ben Affleck's "Zack Snyder Batman."

"We all got very excited about the prospect of having Michael Keaton come back after 30 years of not knowing what Batman was up to," Andy Muschietti said. "The multiverse allowed this to happen and combine the existing characters, the existing universe, with something that seemed to have been buried in the past."

They told Keaton at a lunch meeting they wouldn't be able to do the film without him. They wanted to find his Bruce Wayne in a place people wouldn't expect. By the end of lunch, Keaton had agreed.

"I didn't want him to be sitting near the fireplace, like staring out of a glass of whiskey," Andy Muschietti said. "I knew he was going to transform back into Batman so I needed him to be in a place that made that transformation possible in the tradition of a reluctant hero."

Keaton's Batman was also due to make a return in the standalone "Batgirl" movie, which was shelved close to completion.

"The Flash" has other nostalgic nods, including an army of cameos best left unspoiled, that helps set the stage for a "universe reboot." While making the film, big leadership changes were afoot at Warner Bros. and, specifically, DC Studios, where new co-chairs and CEOs James Gunn and Peter Safran were tasked with plotting the future of the DC Universe characters, from Superman to Batman. That new vision won't officially begin until Gunn's new Superman in 2025, but he's also said that "The Flash," though technically from a previous regime, "resets the entire DC universe."

But then during the extensive post-production on "The Flash," star Miller started making headlines for a string of arrests and reports of erratic behavior last year. They were arrested twice last year in Hawaii, including for disorderly conduct and harassment at a karaoke bar. In January, they pleaded guilty to a charge stemming from a break-in and theft of alcohol at a neighbor's home in Vermont. They avoided jail time but paid a $500 fine and got a year of probation, agreeing to abide by a number of conditions including continued mental health treatment.

Though some questioned whether "The Flash" should be shelved, the studio remained committed to releasing it even without their star on the promotional circuit.

"We're in contact with them. They love the movie. They support the movie. And they're taking their treatment very seriously," said Barbara Muschietti of Miller. "We want everybody to see this. It's great, and it's special. And it has all our hearts and guts."

While early hyperbole abounded with people like Gunn calling it one of the best superhero movies he had ever seen, reviews have indeed been mostly very positive with lots of praise for Miller's dual roles.

"What you get is this delicious odd couple," Barbara Muschietti. "You forget that they're the same actor."

There are even rumors that the Muschiettis' DC relationship will continue with future films. But right now, the focus is "The Flash."

"Let's just wait and see," Andy Muschietti said.

Triangle of love, identity, destiny forms in film

Director Song drew heavily from her life in soulful 'Past Lives'

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

Actor Teo Yoo, from left, director Celine Song and actor Greta Lee of "Past Lives" are seen May 31. **MATT LICARI/INVISION**

Celine Song was 12 when she moved from South Korea to Ontario. Her parents gave her the chance to pick a new first name. There are differing theories among her family about how she (then Ha Young) settled on Celine.

"My dad insists it's from a French film, 'Celline and Julie Go Boating,'" says Song, whose father is a filmmaker. "But I feel like there just happened to be a Celine Dion CD lying around."

The adjustment was difficult at first. Song, accustomed to being an accomplished student, had to learn English. It wouldn't be until years later — after Song had become an up-and-coming playwright, moved to New York and gotten married — that she fully grasped something different about her cultural bifurcation.

Song was sitting in an East Village bar with her white American husband and a childhood sweetheart from Korea, who had come to visit. Neither spoke the other language so Song was their only bridge, the only way they could communicate and the only reason this unlikely threesome had been brought together.

"I remember feeling this thing that I've always felt: a chip on my shoulder about being ESL or not having grown up with the English language," says Song. "But then I was sitting there thinking: No, I feel so, so powerful. I felt like a magician or a superhero type. These two worlds are collapsing — time and space is folding on itself — because of me. And I didn't have to do anything except exist. I just had to be me and that was enough."

Song begins her directorial film debut, "Past Lives," by dramatizing that moment. From there, her movie, drawing heavily from her life, dives through flashbacks that led these characters together and the twists and turns that might have so easily taken them somewhere else."Past Lives," a breakout hit of the Sundance Film Festival and one of the year's most acclaimed films, is both an uncommonly thoughtful love story and an unusually soulful immigrant tale.

Greta Lee stars as Nora, a Korean-Canadian playwright loosely modeled on Song, who, as she grows up, sporadically reconnects with Hae Sung (Teo Yoo), a friend from her childhood in Seoul. When he comes to New York 24 years later, Nora is happily married to Arthur (John Magaro). The visit doesn't erupt a melodramatic love triangle but spawns something gentler and more ineffable about love, destiny and identity.

"For me to explain who we are to each other can't be done in a sentence," Song said in a recent interview. "I can't just say identity, identity, identity. It's so much more about what it's like to exist as three people and what's it like for all of them to behold the other people in the trio."

For the trio of Song, Lee and Yoo, the making of "Past Lives" was also an experience of profound connection. Lee was born in Los Angeles to Korean immigrants. Yoo was born and raised in Germany but, after marrying a Korean woman, has for years lived in Seoul. Each knows plenty about living with two cultures and in the space between.

"When I read the script, I loved so much that it wasn't in service of any sort of gaze, like a white gaze or a male gaze," says Lee. "It was just telling a very universal story about destiny and what it is to fall in love that felt very freeing, like it cracked open the possibility of showing a kind of immigrant experience in a very quiet but also bold way that isn't performative or finger-pointing."

Lee has been praised for her subtle, restrained performance as a woman not pulled between two romantic interests but casting a glance toward her past before plunging forward into her future as an artist. Song considers the movie a series of goodbyes where the first attempts don't stick.

Song went to some extremes to lead her cast into organic, naturalistic performances. She had Yoo and Magaro meet for the first time on camera, to mimic the awkwardness of their characters encountering each other. And since Nora and Hae have an intense but unacted upon attraction, Yoo was also prohibited from physically touching Lee. "I think Celine was kind of a sadist," says Yoo, laughing.

Yoo found himself in the ironic position of playing a traditional Korean man, the opposite of what he typically plays in Korea given his European upbringing. He grew up, he says, with a melancholy feeling of displacement that he couldn't pinpoint until he was 15 and saw Korean and Hong Kong films on TV.

"Even though it was dubbed in German, there was a cinematic grammar that I understood where I didn't feel lonely anymore," says Yoo. "That shaped the path of me wanting to become an actor."

In "Past Lives," Yoo is speaking his third language, Korean. To him, his life has grown richer in its multiplicity. Speaking German, English and Korean, he says, is like "colors that cross-fade into each other."

"I had to relearn my identity. I had a kind of reverse culture shock," he says of moving to Korea. "But there's a beauty in learning out of the struggle. Your emotional color palette kind of widens."

Expressing that kind of complexity of identity was what Song hoped to do in "Past Lives." The story isn't a simple dichotomy of American verse Korean life. The language of identity, Song says — like the label of "Korean-Canadian" — can be limiting. Her life, like anyone's, is also filled with roads not taken and relationships not chosen.

"I could have also stayed in Canada. I could have fully moved to LA. I could have decided that I wasn't going to marry my husband. There are just so many ways that our path can happen," says Song, who lives with her spouse in New York. "In my case, it's a just a little more extreme because it's straight up a continent away."

"Past Lives," she says, is about seeing people as individuals. "To me, it's about three people who work really, really hard to treat each other as adults and not put themselves first in interacting with each other," Song says. "That kind of a thing happens in real life all the time, and it's always moving."

The characters in the movie speak often of the concept of in-yun, which relates to all encounters being destined connections with the potential to reverberate. The most powerful in-yun in "Past Lives," though, turns out to be the connection between Song and a movie camera.

"It felt like something crashed on me. It felt like such a revelation," says Song of filmmaking. "It was like meeting the love of your life."

What to watch
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All times Central. Start times can vary based on cable/satellite provider. Confirm times on your on-screen guide.

The Full Monty

Hulu ■ New Series

Taking place 25 years after the original British smash hit comedy film The Full Monty, this eight-episode series follows the same band of brothers as they navigate the post-industrial city of Sheffield and society's crumbling health care, education and employment sectors. It will also highlight how these working-class heroes have (or haven't) changed in the decades since. Robert Carlyle, Mark Addy, Tom Wilkinson, Steve Huison, Hugo Speer, Paul Barber and Lesley Sharp star.

Our Planet II

Netflix ■ New Series

From the Emmy-winning team behind Our Planet comes this four-episode follow-up series. At any given moment on planet Earth, billions of animals are on the move. Captured with spectacular and innovative cinematography, Our Planet II unravels the mysteries of how and why animals migrate to reveal some of the most dramatic and compelling stories in the natural world. Legendary British naturalist David Attenborough narrates.

MasterChef: United Tastes of America

FOX, 7 p.m.

Chefs from the South conclude the auditions phase in the new episode "Regional Auditions — The South." Each contestant has 45 minutes to prepare a signature dish that will impress the judges and secure a spot in the top 20.

The Wonder Years

ABC, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The comedy series is set to return for a sophomore season — however, it is void of executive producer and director Fred Savage, who was fired from the reboot. The series is a reimagined version of the '80s coming-of-age comedy through the point of view of 12-year-old Dean Williams and his Black middle-class family during the late 1960s in Montgomery, Alabama. The season opens with a special one-hour premiere.

'Save My Skin'

TLC

Save My Skin

TLC, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

Tonight, fans of pimple popping and skin diseases are introduced to London's Dr. Emma Craythorne. In the premiere episode, a once-confident mom of two has become a virtual recluse, and her marriage is deteriorating since she developed severe psoriasis. Dr. Emma tries to help her and others regain their confidence by fixing their skin conditions.

Temptation Island

USA Network, 8 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

The series returns for an eighth season (fifth on USA) of putting couples' relationships to the test by placing them in a tropical paradise amid 16 sexy single men and women and making them decide if they want to commit to a lifetime together or succumb to the temptation offered by the singles. Among the four couples this season is the series' first-ever engaged couple.

Project Runway

Bravo, 9 p.m. ■ Season Premiere

This successful clothing-design competition series is celebrating its 20th season with an all-star cast drawn from the most beloved designers of previous seasons. The two-part premiere airs tonight. Alicia Silverstone and Billy Porter are set to appear during this season as guest judges; Nina Garcia, Brandon Maxwell and Elaine Welteroth will also return as judges, with Christian Siriano set as mentor.

The Big D

USA Network, 9 p.m. ■ New Series

JoJo Fletcher and Jordan Rodgers host this dating series in which recently divorced people search for romance in paradise. But there's one catch: Their exes are along for the journey.

CATCH A CLASSIC

Wild West MOVIES!

MOVIES!, beginning at 5 a.m.

20TH CENTURY STUDIOS

Saddle up for 21 hours of classic Westerns on MOVIES! today. The 10-film lineup features: 1954's **River of No Return (pictured),** starring Marilyn Monroe, Robert Mitchum and Rory Calhoun; **Three Godfathers** (1936), led by Chester Morris, Lewis Stone and Walter Brennan; **Blood on the Moon** (1948), with Mitchum, Barbara Bel Geddes, Robert Preston and Brennan; **Belle Starr: The Bandit Queen** (1941), with Gene Tierney in the title role, alongside Randolph Scott and Dana Andrews; **Tom Horn** (1980), starring Steve McQueen, Linda Evans and Richard Farnsworth; **3:10 to Yuma** (1957), featuring Glenn Ford, Van Heflin and Felicia Farr; **Kid Blue** (1973), with Dennis Hopper, Warren Oates and Peter Boyle; **The Cowboys** (1972), led by John Wayne, Bruce Dern and Colleen Dewhurst; **The Bravados** (1958), headlined by Gregory Peck, Joan Collins, Stephen Boyd and Henry Silva; and **Rachel and the Stranger** (1948), featuring Loretta Young, William Holden and Mitchum.

MOVIES YOU'LL LOVE

'The Town'

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Central Intelligence (2016, Action) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart **AMC, 4:30 p.m.**

The 27-Hour Day (2021, Romance) Autumn Reeser, Andrew Walker **Hallmark, 5 p.m.**

Hotel Transylvania (2012, Children) Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg **Nick, 6 p.m.**

Deadpool 2 (2018, Action) Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin **FX, 6:30 p.m.**

Django Unchained (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz **VH1, 7 p.m.**

Pitch Perfect (2012, Musical comedy) Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin **AMC, 7 p.m.**

Secret Society of Lies (2023, Suspense) Kristen Vaganos, Luke Charles Stafford **LMN, 7 p.m.**

Sweet Autumn (2020, Romance) Nikki Deloach, Andrew Walker **Hallmark, 7 p.m.**

The Town (2010, Crime drama) Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall **TNT, 7 p.m.**

Tremors (1990, Horror) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward **Sundance, 7 p.m.**

Curious Caterer: Grilling Season (2023, Mystery) Nikki DeLoach, Andrew W. Walker **Hallmark Movies & Mysteries, 8 p.m.**

Vacation Home Nightmare (2023, Suspense) Aubrey Reynolds, Justin Berti **LMN, 9 p.m.**

From the editors of TV Weekly and tvinsider.com

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Holland describes 'Crowded Room' as 'hardest' job so far

By Alicia Rancilio
Associated Press

Tom Holland, seen June 1, stars as Danny opposite Amanda Seyfried in "The Crowded Room." TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION

The words "Tom Holland" and "spoilers" can immediately illicit snickering.

There are compilation videos on YouTube of the "Spider-Man" star accidentally revealing too much about the Marvel Cinematic Universe. His slip-ups have become a running joke among his co-stars and filmmakers.

The actor found himself in familiar territory with his new twisty, surprise-laden series "The Crowded Room," now streaming on Apple TV+, and says by comparison, keeping quiet about Marvel is a piece of cake.

"With Marvel ... it's all about the villain, the costume, the locations, the end result. They're relatively easy to keep those things a secret," said Holland in a recent interview. "I know that sounds stupid coming from me because I spoil everything, but with 'The Crowded Room' there are so many twists and turns in this show that people won't be expecting. It really is a puzzle."

The limited series takes place in 1970s New York with Holland as Danny, a young man arrested in connection with a crime. His accomplices are nowhere to be found, and an investigator assigned to the case (played by Amanda Seyfried) conducts a series of interviews with Danny to piece together his involvement.

Holland and Seyfried filmed their scenes — out of order — "for almost three weeks straight" in an interrogation room.

"It sometimes was confusing. I needed to know exactly where I was in the process with Danny, how much we knew or how much the audience knew and how much (Seyfried's character) Rya knew," Seyfried explained. "It was tricky."

Holland credits Seyfried for keeping him on track as they "did over 100 pages of dialogue at that one table in that one room."

"Amanda is so talented, she's so professional. She's able to keep it light when it's dark," he said. "There were certain times in that room where we were both just losing our minds, just scenes after scenes, after scenes after scenes. We were just a great team."

Holland describes the job as "the hardest" he has had so far and says halfway through filming, he "was counting down the days that I could take this year off and have some time to myself."

"Danny is an exhausting character. Going to those places on a daily basis, having that haircut, shooting on the streets of New York, it was tough. It was not an easy show to make," but says watching the end result "was so rewarding. I'm happy that I dug my heels in and stuck with it."

He also served as a co-executive producer for the first time, which helped him to finally understand what the job entails.

"I spent the first 15 years of my career on set being like, 'What do all of these people do? They're all just sitting there.' But having been a producer now myself, it is one of the most stressful things I've ever done. You're shooting in a car, and the car breaks down, and all of a sudden you're trying to figure out how to get a new car or how to turn the scene into a walking scene and all that sort of stuff."

Since beginning his performing career at age 11 in "Billy Elliott the Musical" in London's West End, Holland says his formal education has been "somewhat nonexistent," so he appreciates the learning opportunities he gets from working.

With "The Crowded Room" Holland says "I learned a lot about myself. I learned about my capabilities as an actor. I learned about things that I can put up with. I feel like I'm much more capable at dealing with adversities and fighting against things that are going wrong on set. I learned a lot about mental health. I learned a lot about the power of the human mind and the amazing things we can do to protect ourselves, to heal and to survive."

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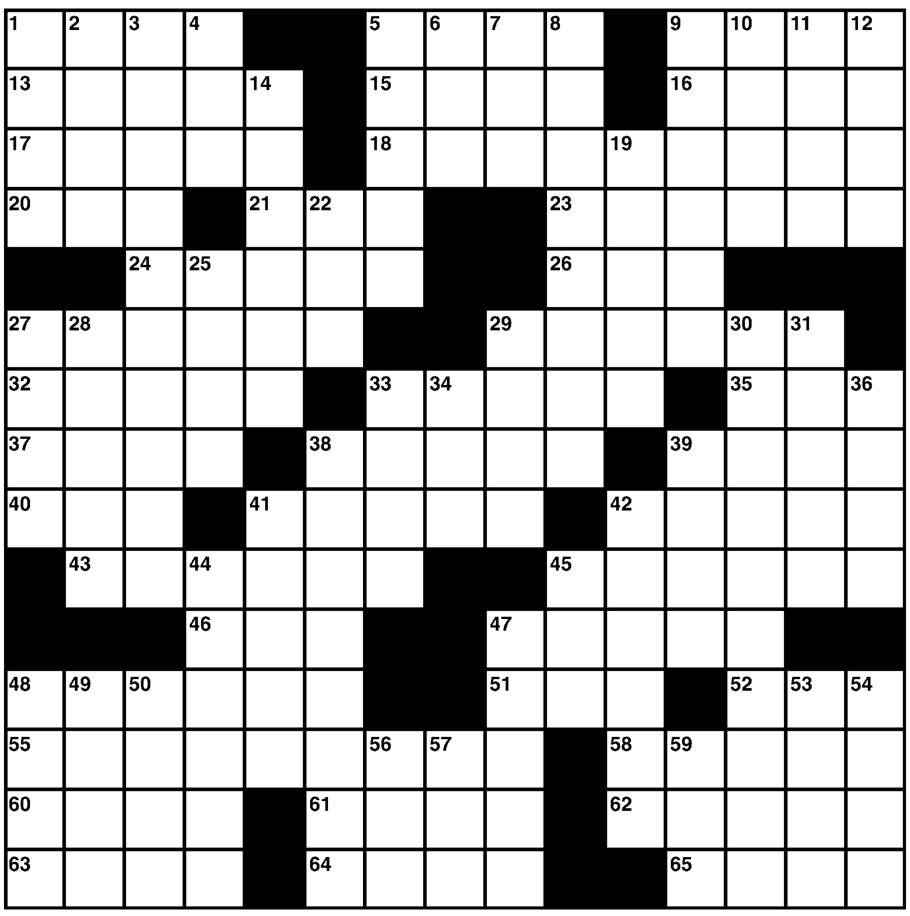

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15 __ bunting; Colorado's state bird
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17 Fisher, for one
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20 Change colors
21 Londoner's raincoat
23 Shoves
24 Din
26 Paid athlete
27 Numbskulls
29 Hopper or Weaver
32 Ambushes
33 Sightseeing trips
35 Cow's comment
37 Boo-hoos
38 Young horses
39 Potato
40 Laundry soap
41 Yes-man
42 Buy stuff
43 Old story
45 Planks
46 "__ Me Call You Sweetheart"
47 Baez & Rivers
48 Motor
51 Acorn bearer
52 Not quite sane
55 Off-the-rack
58 Banks or Els
60 Hit the ceiling
61 "Pygmalion" or "Cats"
62 Passed out cards
63 "__ Trek"
64 Conway & McGraw
65 Dog bane

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5 Wonderland visitor
6 Deface
7 Bobby the Bruin
8 Boat captains
9 Motive
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12 "All's well that __ well"
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25 Klutz's word
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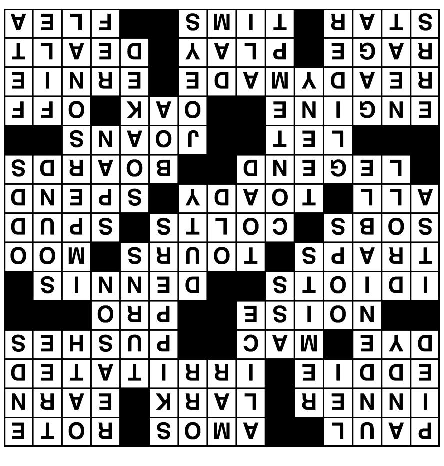


Horoscopes

Today's birthday (June 14): Make thoughtful plans this year for the decade ahead. Patiently build your career. Slow with physical barriers this summer, before autumn sweetheart and family connections delight. Winter planning provides ease. Make romantic adjustments this spring, before friends incite something fun. Imagine miraculous results and achievements.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Income could flow from unexpected sources. Expensive surprises could interrupt your budgets. Pad your plans and predictions for the unplanned.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Go for what you want. Measure the gap between that and what you have. Advance in small incremental steps. Keep your eyes on the prize.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Recharge in peace and privacy. Clean, sort and organize. Revise plans to adapt for unforeseen conditions. Put things away. Prepare for what's next.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Social gatherings reveal unexpected connections. You can see what doesn't work with a group situation. Don't push someone's sensitive area.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Advance professional objectives in the direction of least resistance. Polish your work. Adjust budgets and logistics around changes. Wait for obstacles to clear.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Explore curious avenues. Discover both obvious ugliness and hidden beauty. Don't push limitations. Wait for better conditions to advance. Document your research and experiences.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Take advantage of lucrative markets, despite temporary delays or extra expenses. Collaborate to simplify where you can. Share efforts and efficiencies.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Collaborate around a challenge or delay. Sensitivities abound; take extra care to avoid upsets or arguments. Don't get pushy. Share the load patiently.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Watch the trail for pitfalls. Physical efforts get results. Prioritize health and wellness. If something hurts, don't push ahead.

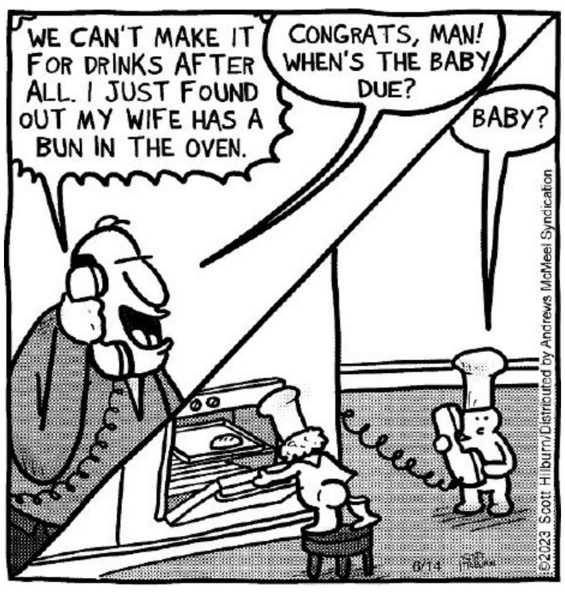
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Romantic relationships aren't always hearts and sunshine. Treat each other with extra kindness, especially around sensitive subjects. Avoid triggering situations. Relax with simple fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Savor home comforts. Make domestic improvements. Clean messes and put things away. Declutter spaces for greater peace.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Edit and revise carefully before publishing. Listen to the prevailing mood. Timing matters. Monitor the pulse of ongoing controversies.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn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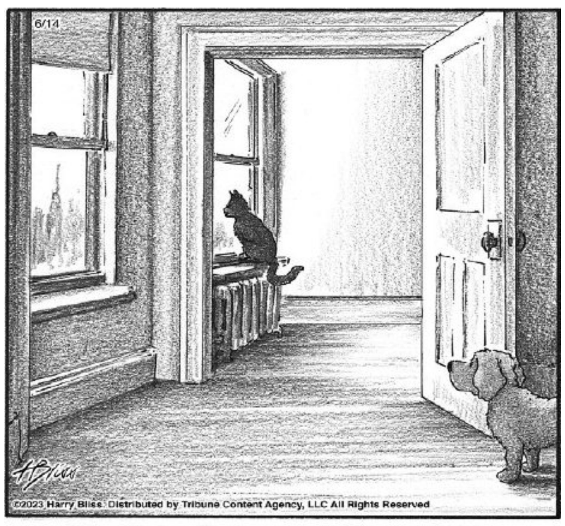
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"The Maine Coon across the way is into the Doritos again."

Bridge

Both vulnerable, North deals

North
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♥ A Q 9 8
♦ 6 5 3
♣ 7 6 4

West
♠ 8 2
♥ 7 6 5 3
♦ J 10 9 4
♣ A 9 3

East
♠ 5
♥ K J 4 2
♦ K Q 8 2
♣ Q J 10 8

South
♠ Q J 10 7 6 4 3
♥ 10
♦ A 7
♣ K 5 2

Look at all four hands in today's deal and decide. Would you rather declare or defend? Your first look will tell you that the success of the contract seems to depend on a favorable location of the ace of clubs. West has the ace of clubs, so you should choose to defend, right? No, you should elect to declare. The contract is ice cold by using some of dummy's assets that are not immediately obvious.

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
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1NT	Pass	4♠	All pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

East follows with the queen to the opening diamond lead and you win with the ace, as you do not want to see a club shift at trick two. You lead a heart to the ace and continue with the queen of hearts, intending to discard a diamond if East plays low. East, however, covers with the king. You ruff high and lead a spade to dummy's ace. You cash the king of spades to draw the remaining trump before leading dummy's nine of hearts, again intending to discard a diamond if East plays low. East plays the jack, so you ruff, cross back to dummy with the nine of spades, and discard your losing diamond on the eight of hearts.

That was your tenth trick, and you can now lead a club to the king to try for an overtrick. No luck there but making four is just fine. Note the location of the missing heart honors is irrelevant. If West held both honors, you would have shed a diamond on the queen of hearts and later a club on the nine of hearts. West would not be able to attack clubs and you would eventually pitch another club on the eight of hearts.

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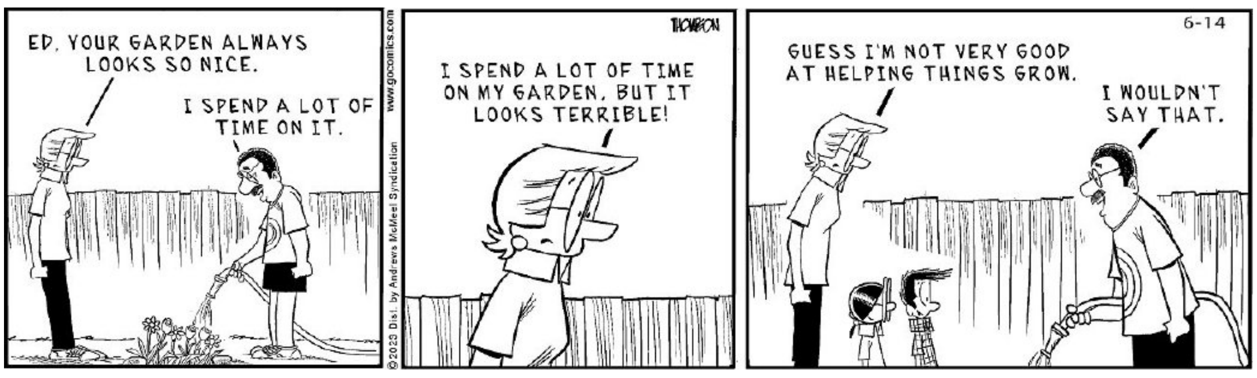
ED, YOUR GARDEN ALWAYS LOOKS SO NICE.
I SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON IT.
I SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON MY GARDEN, BUT IT LOOKS TERRIBLE!
GUESS I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT HELPING THINGS GROW.
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
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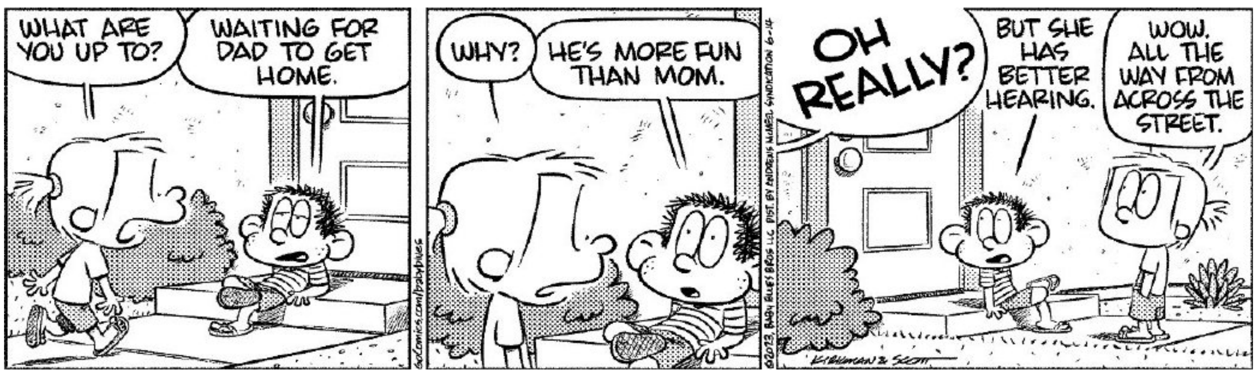
Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott


WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?
WAITING FOR DAD TO GET HOME.
WHY?
HE'S MORE FUN THAN MOM.
OH REALLY?
BUT SHE HAS BETTER HEARING.
WOW. ALL THE WAY FROM ACROSS THE STREET.
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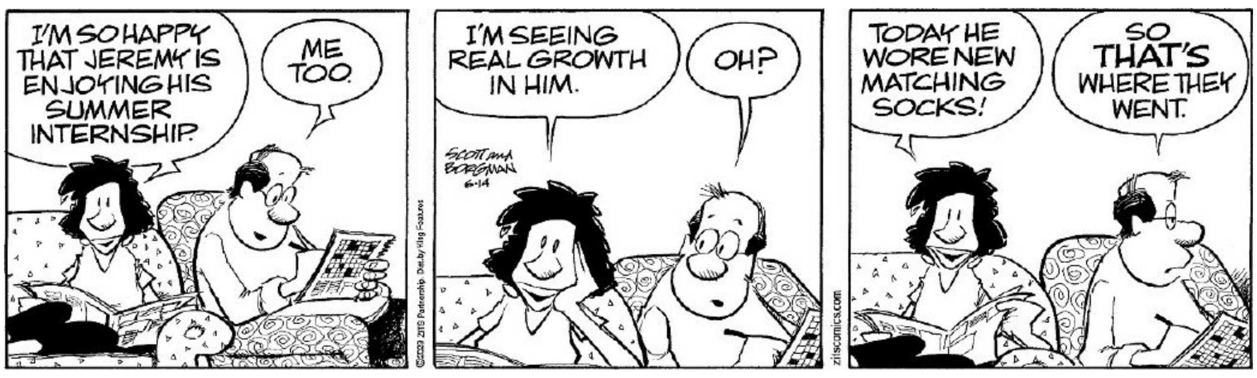
Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman


I'M SO HAPPY THAT JEREMY IS ENJOYING HIS SUMMER INTERNSHIP.
ME TOO.
I'M SEEING REAL GROWTH IN HIM.
OH?
TODAY HE WORE NEW MATCHING SOCKS!
SO THAT'S WHERE THEY WENT.
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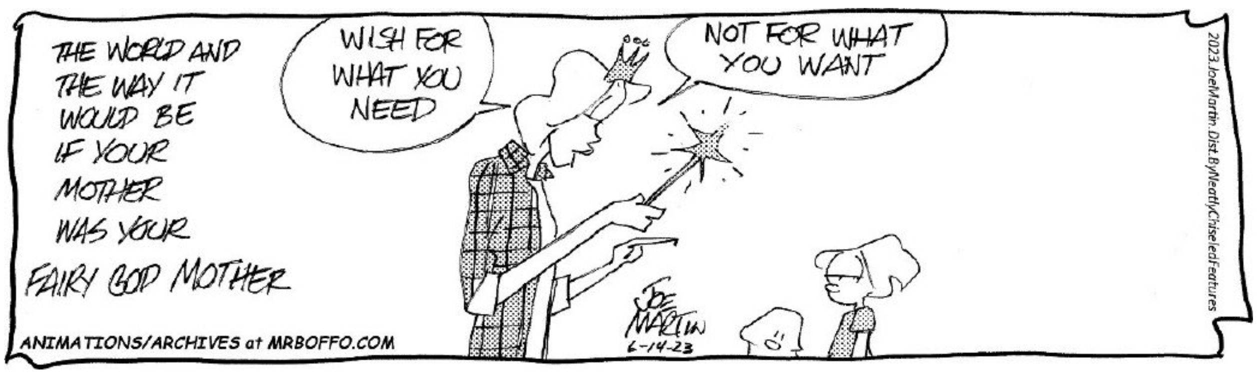
Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin


THE WORLD AND THE WAY IT WOULD BE IF YOUR MOTHER WAS YOUR FAIRY GOD MOTHER
WISH FOR WHAT YOU NEED
NOT FOR WHAT YOU WANT
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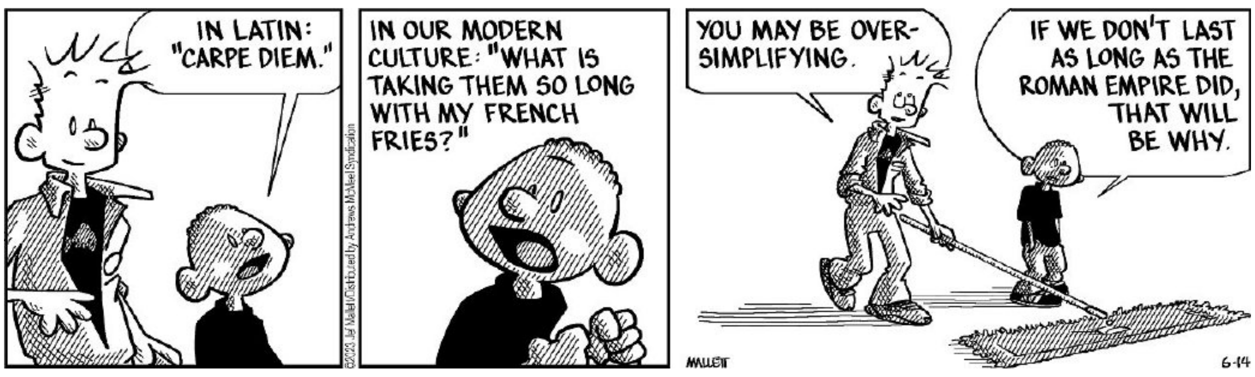
Frazz By Jef Mallett


IN LATIN: "CARPE DIEM."
IN OUR MODERN CULTURE: "WHAT IS TAKING THEM SO LONG WITH MY FRENCH FRIES?"
YOU MAY BE OVER-SIMPLIFYING.
IF WE DON'T LAST AS LONG AS THE ROMAN EMPIRE DID, THAT WILL BE WHY.
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MALLETT
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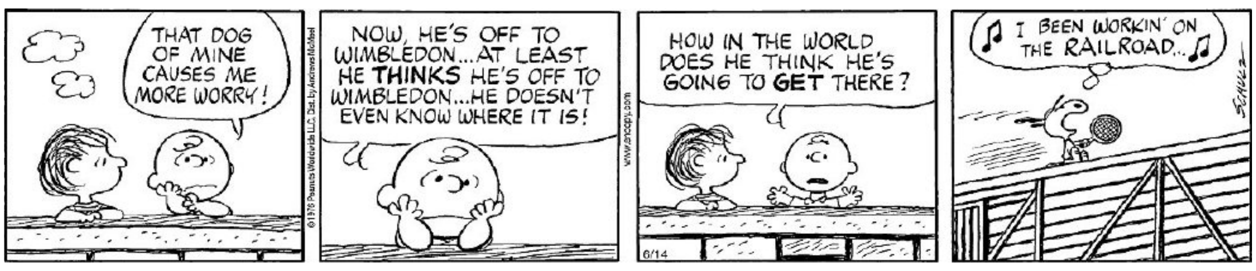
Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz


THAT DOG OF MINE CAUSES ME MORE WORRY!
NOW, HE'S OFF TO WIMBLEDON...AT LEAST HE THINKS HE'S OFF TO WIMBLEDON...HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT IS!
HOW IN THE WORLD DOES HE THINK HE'S GOING TO GET THERE?
♪ I BEEN WORKIN' ON THE RAILROAD... ♫
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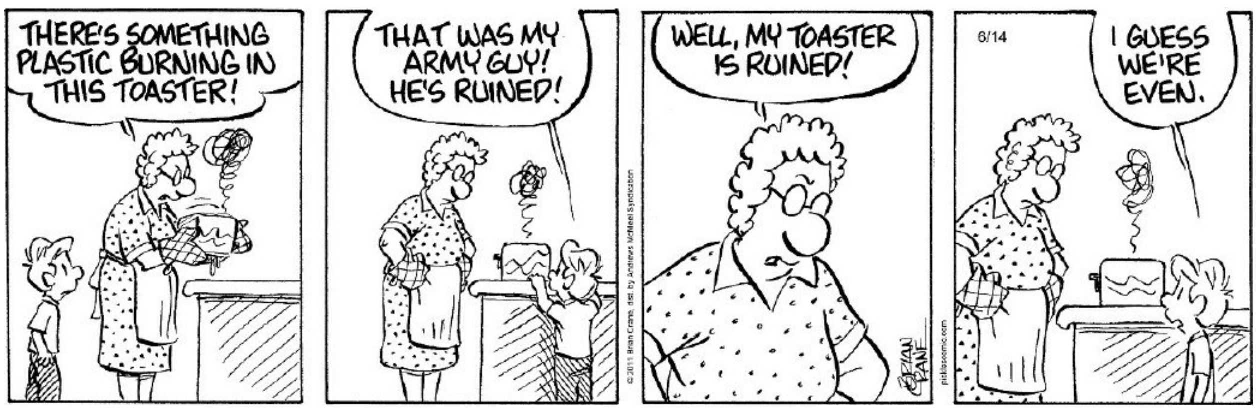
SCHULZ

Pickles By Brian Crane


THERE'S SOMETHING PLASTIC BURNING IN THIS TOASTER!
THAT WAS MY ARMY GUY! HE'S RUINED!
WELL, MY TOASTER IS RUINED!
I GUESS WE'RE EVEN.
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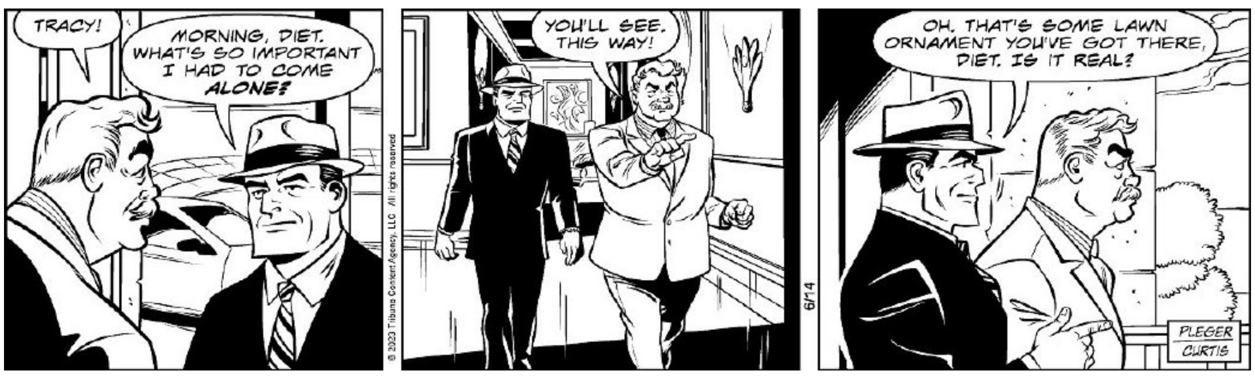
Dick Tracy By Shelley Pleger and Mike Curtis


TRACY!
MORNING, DIET. WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT I HAD TO COME ALONE?
YOU'LL SEE. THIS WAY!
OH, THAT'S SOME LAWN ORNAMENT YOU'VE GOT THERE, DIET. IS IT REAL?
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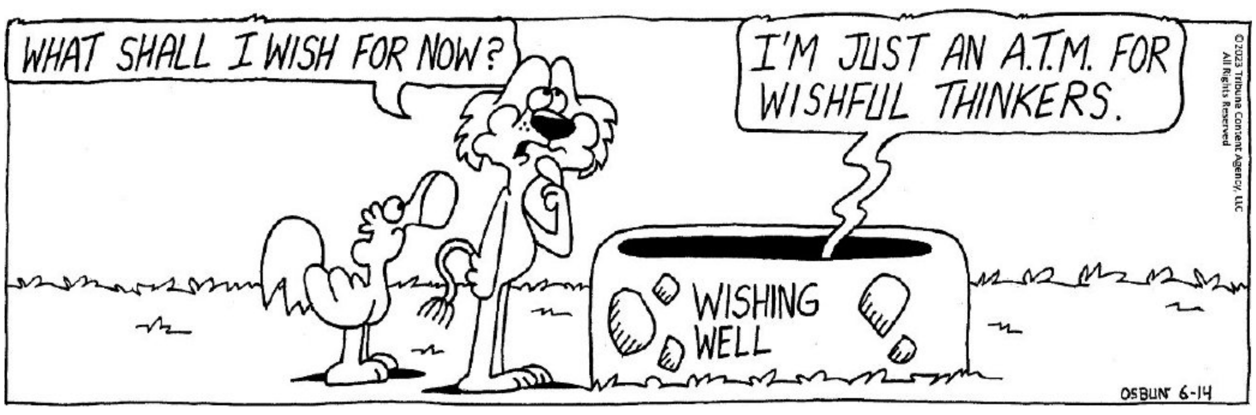
PLEGER CURTIS

Animal Crackers By Mike Osbun


WHAT SHALL I WISH FOR NOW?
I'M JUST AN A.T.M. FOR WISHFUL THINKERS.
WISHING WELL
OSBUN 6-14
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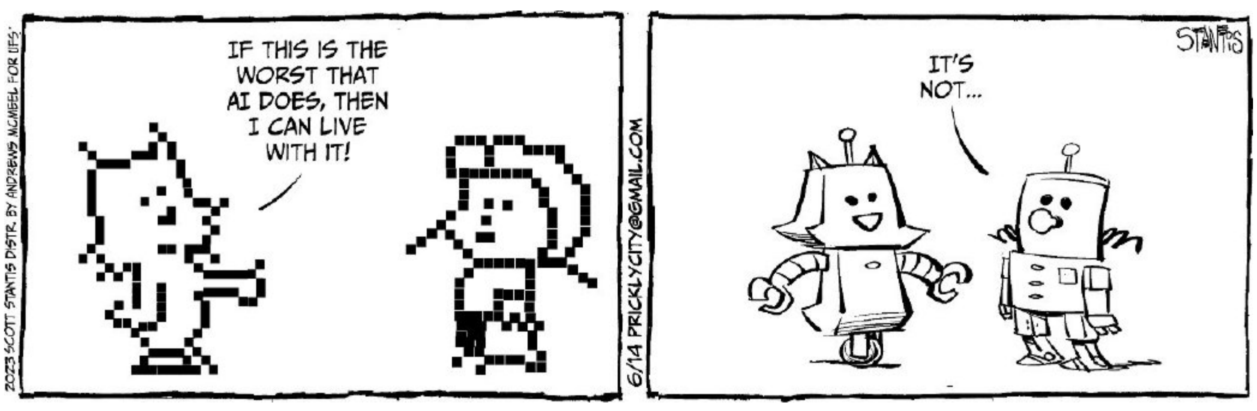
Prickly City By Scott Stantis


IF THIS IS THE WORST THAT AI DOES, THEN I CAN LIVE WITH IT!
IT'S NOT...
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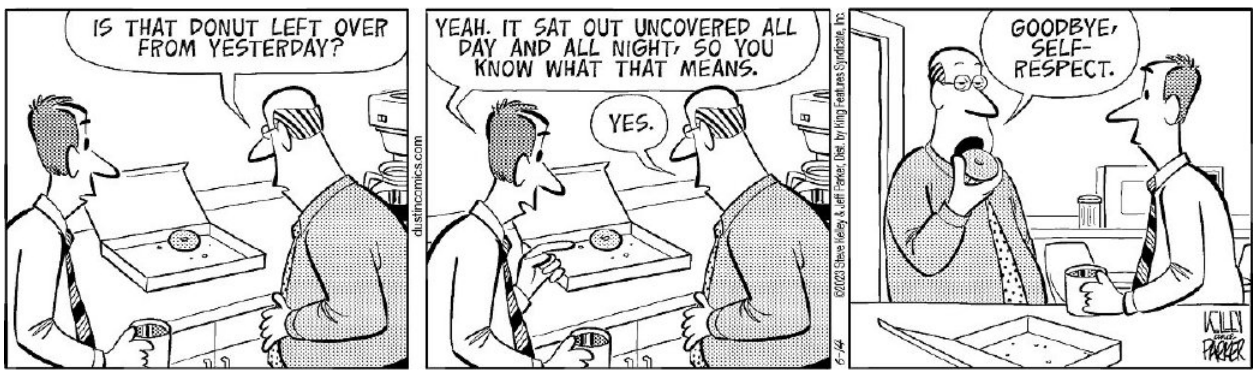
Dustin By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker


IS THAT DONUT LEFT OVER FROM YESTERDAY?
YEAH. IT SAT OUT UNCOVERED ALL DAY AND ALL NIGHT, SO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.
YES.
GOODBYE, SELF-RESPECT.
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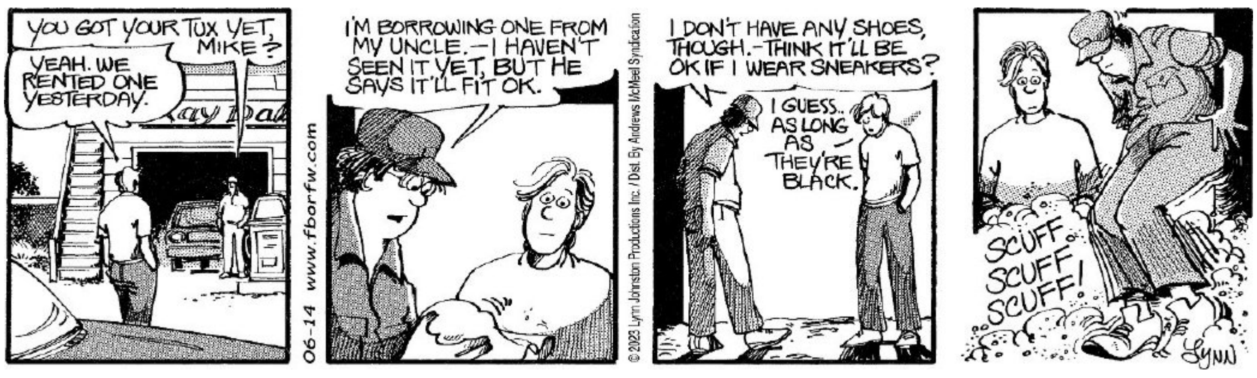
KELLEY PARKER

For Better or for Worse By Lynn Johnston


YOU GOT YOUR TUX YET, MIKE?
YEAH. WE RENTED ONE YESTERDAY.
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I'M BORROWING ONE FROM MY UNCLE. —I HAVEN'T SEEN IT YET, BUT HE SAYS IT'LL FIT OK.
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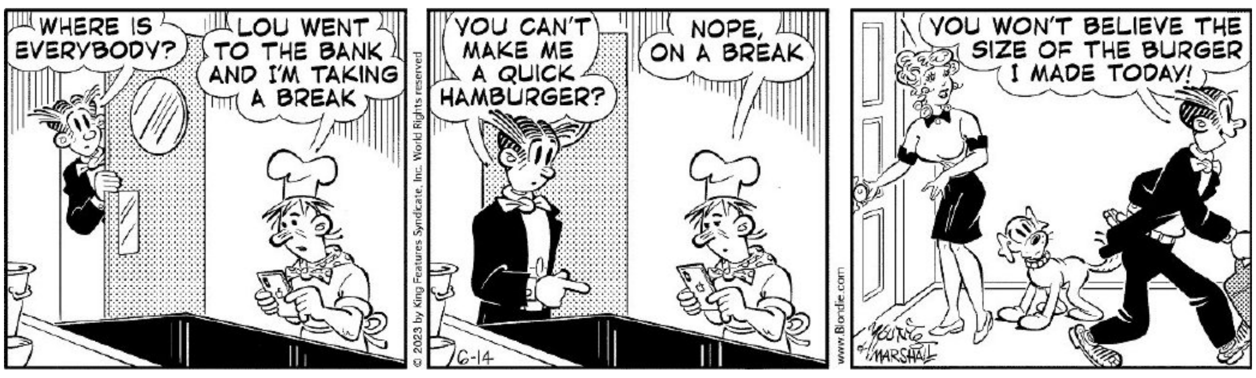
I DON'T HAVE ANY SHOES, THOUGH. —THINK IT'LL BE OK IF I WEAR SNEAKERS?
I GUESS.. AS LONG AS THEY'RE BLACK.
SCUFF SCUFF SCUFF!
LYNN

Blondie By Dean Young and John Marshall


WHERE IS EVERYBODY?
LOU WENT TO THE BANK AND I'M TAKING A BREAK
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YOU CAN'T MAKE ME A QUICK HAMBURGER?
NOPE, ON A BREAK
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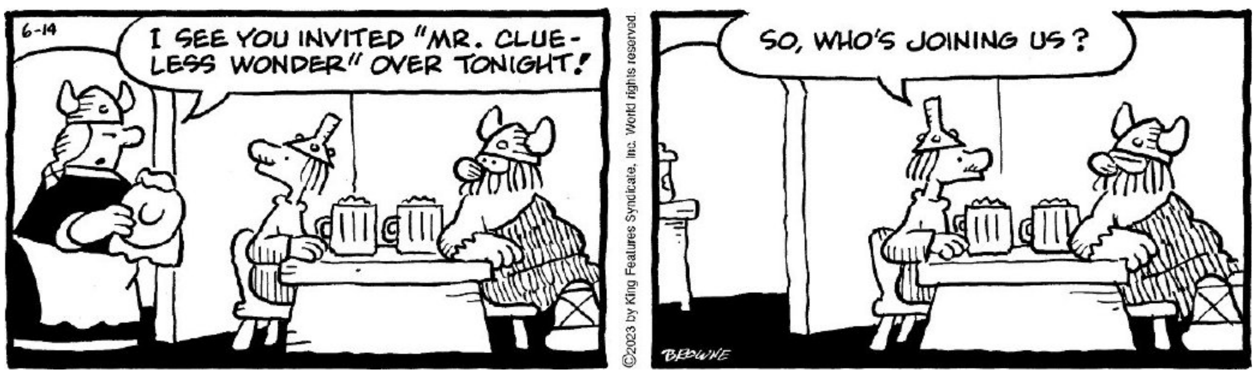
YOU WON'T BELIEVE THE SIZE OF THE BURGER I MADE TODAY!
YOUNG & MARSHALL

Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne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I SEE YOU INVITED "MR. CLUE-LESS WONDER" OVER TONIGHT!
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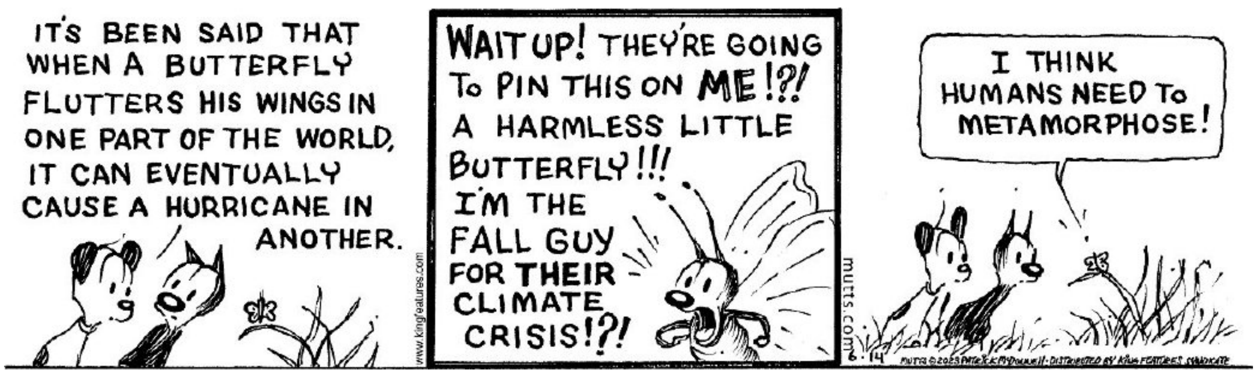
SO, WHO'S JOINING US?
BROWNE

Mutts By Patrick McDonnell


IT'S BEEN SAID THAT WHEN A BUTTERFLY FLUTTERS HIS WINGS IN ONE PART OF THE WORLD, IT CAN EVENTUALLY CAUSE A HURRICANE IN ANOTHER.
www.kingfeatures.com
WAIT UP! THEY'RE GOING TO PIN THIS ON ME!?! A HARMLESS LITTLE BUTTERFLY!!! I'M THE FALL GUY FOR THEIR CLIMATE CRISIS!?!
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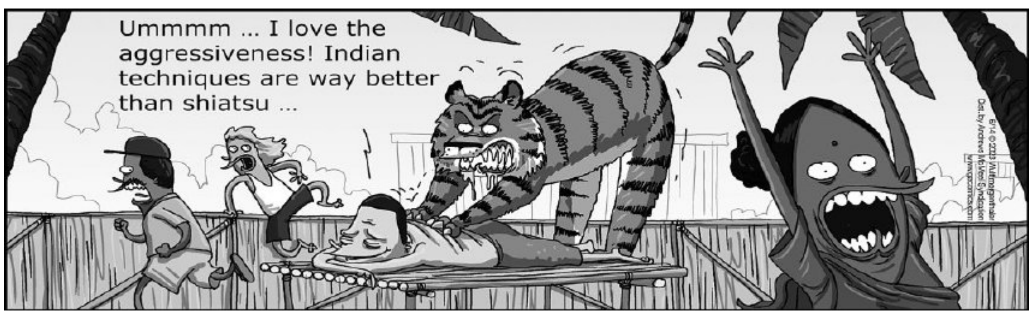
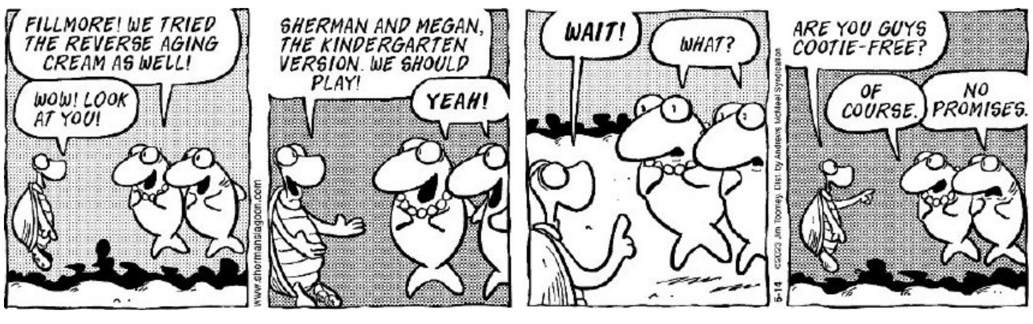
I THINK HUMANS NEED TO METAMORPHOSE!

WuMo By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler


Ummmm ... I love the aggressiveness! Indian techniques are way better than shiatsu ...

Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey


FILLMORE! WE TRIED THE REVERSE AGING CREAM AS WELL!
WOW! LOOK AT YOU!
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SHERMAN AND MEGAN, THE KINDERGARTEN VERSION. WE SHOULD PLAY!
YEAH!
WAIT!
WHAT?
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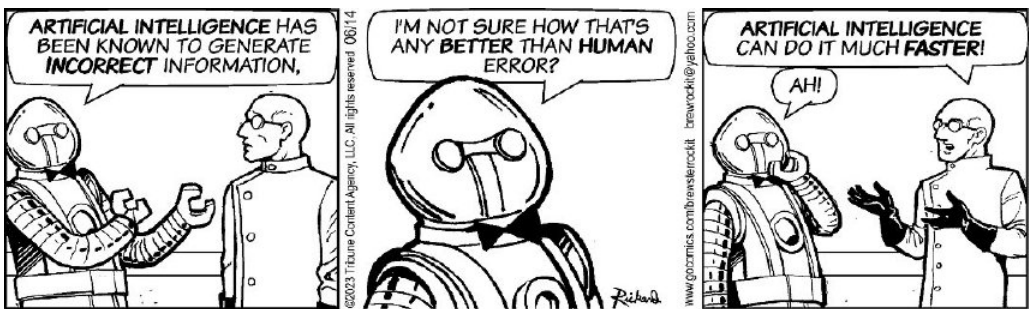
ARE YOU GUYS COOTIE-FREE?
OF COURSE.
NO PROMISES.

Brewster Rockit: Space Guy! By Tim Rickard


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO GENERATE INCORRECT INFORMATION,
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I'M NOT SURE HOW THAT'S ANY BETTER THAN HUMAN ERROR?
Rickard
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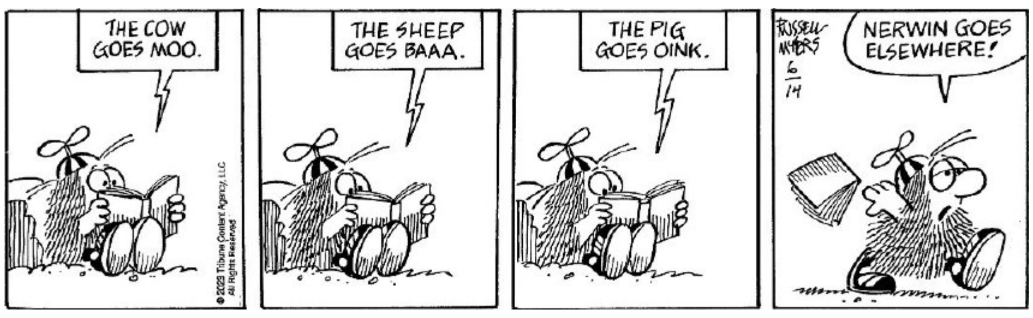
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CAN DO IT MUCH FASTER!
AH!

Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers


THE COW GOES MOO.
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THE SHEEP GOES BAAA.
THE PIG GOES OINK.
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NERWIN GOES ELSEWHERE!

Sudoku

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9	8			7	1	5		4
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

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Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

SMYES

TNYER

VITAEN

LITOVE

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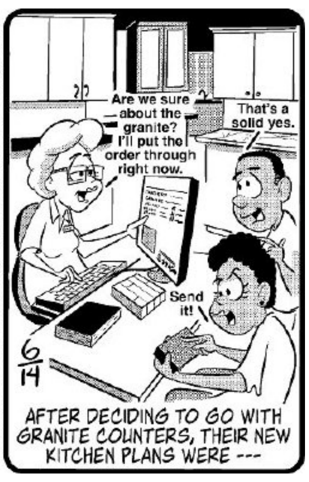
Are we sure about the granite? I'll put the order through right now.
That's a solid yes.
Send it!
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AFTER DECIDING TO GO WITH GRANITE COUNTERS, THEIR NEW KITCHEN PLANS WERE ---

Answer here

Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: HOUND YOUNG STORMY DETACH
Answer: When her friend said he was now working as a mime, she said — YOU DON'T SAY!

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Crossword

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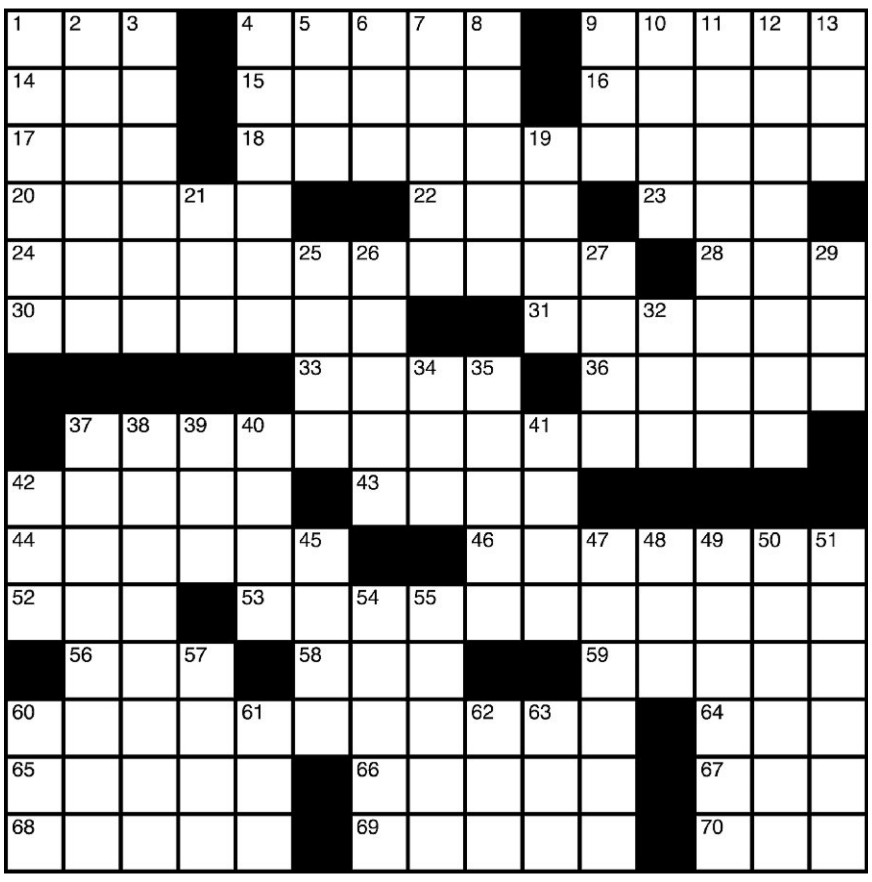
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Across

1 "Sheer Driving Pleasure" automaker
4 "A Little Bit Stronger" singer Sara
9 Carmen Sandiego's crime
14 Fish eggs
15 Mature on the vine
16 Aerie nester
17 "Science Friday" host Flatow
18 Route to church?
20 No-sweat class
22 Prof's URL ender
23 CPR pro
24 Route to the navy yard?
28 Chowed down
30 Bubbly bar supply
31 Oscar winner Poitier
33 Mama of folk rock
36 River noted for its châteaux
37 Route to a showing of "Jaws"?
42 Experts who deal with stress?
43 Fallon's predecessor
44 Discarded stuff
46 Lay in store for
52 Pre-1991 atlas initials
53 Route to basketball camp?
56 Brit's washroom
58 Scoundrel
59 Hold the throne
60 Route to the liquor store?
64 Many a dad joke
65 Musical set in Argentina
66 Conjure up
67 Yalie
68 Back at the track
69 Worked with thread
70 Uncertainties

Down

1 Legal filings
2 Group's level of enthusiasm
3 Untrustworthy type
4 Like a poor copy
5 Fight (for)
6 Busy time for the IRS
7 "When pigs fly!"
8 Derisive
9 Top typically paired with jeans
10 Fabled procrastinator
11 Narcissist's attribute
12 Excessive praise
13 Brother of pols Jack and Bobby
19 Stage signals
21 However
25 Nonorthodox religious group
26 Fishing net
27 Carpet alternative
29 Iris locale
32 Big name in chemicals
34 Cow or sow
35 Africa-to-Asia land bridge
37 Starts streaming, say
38 Equip with new parts
39 Arrivals in "Arrival"
40 "Quickly" letters
41 Word with hall or house
42 Comfy attire
45 Rooney of "Carol"
47 Consented
48 __-de-France: Paris's region
49 Asian capital with a Chiang Kai-shek memorial
50 Swallow up
51 "The Unit" actor Haysbert
54 Reliever's successes
55 Martin of "Only Murders in the Building"
57 "Beetle Bailey" dog
60 Black History mo.
61 "To All the Boys" series creator Jenny
62 Currently
63 Guitar kin, informally

Tuesday's solution

C	A	W	■	M	O	T	H	■	H	U	L	A	S	■
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S	I	T	S	I	N	■	P	E	N	N	A	M	E	S
T	A	C	K	L	E	■	E	C	H	O	■	O	N	E
■	C	H	I	L	D	■	L	E	S	S	■	R	A	T

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Trivia Bits

Which human blood type is the most common?

A) A negative
B) B positive
C) AB positive
D) O positive

Tuesday's answer: Ebenezer Bassett, the USA's first black diplomat, became minister resident to Haiti in 1869.

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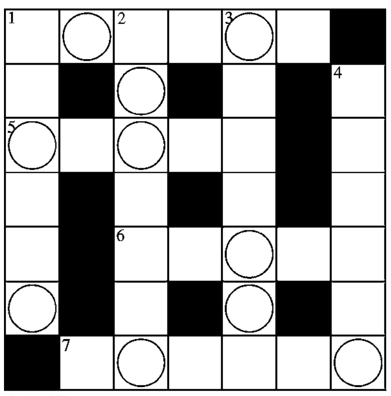
Jumble Crossword



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ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Calm, inactivity	SOEPRE
5. Type of boat	NEOCA
6. State as an opinion	PEION
7. ____, Florida	NLSEAP

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Recover	EROUCP
2. Mythical woman	RODANPA
3. Distinctive	LCSIAEP
4. Arm muscles	SCEIPB

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: The ____ ____ is the world's largest inland body of water.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Repose 5A-Canoe 6A-Opine 7A-Naples 1D-Recoup 2D-Pandora 3D-Special 4D-Biceps B-Caspian Sea

By David L. Hoyt.

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SUDOKU

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Level 1 **2** 3 4

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6	1	3	2	4	8	9	7	5
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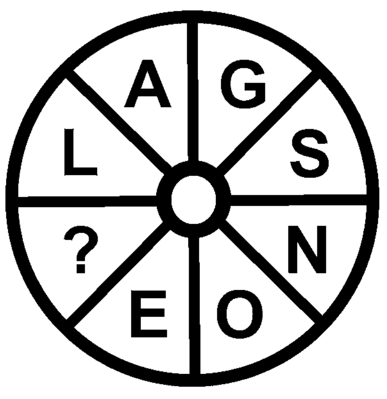

Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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WORD SEARCH

Wordsearch: All bad

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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, or diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

T H R R I E W T H D E K C I W S E O
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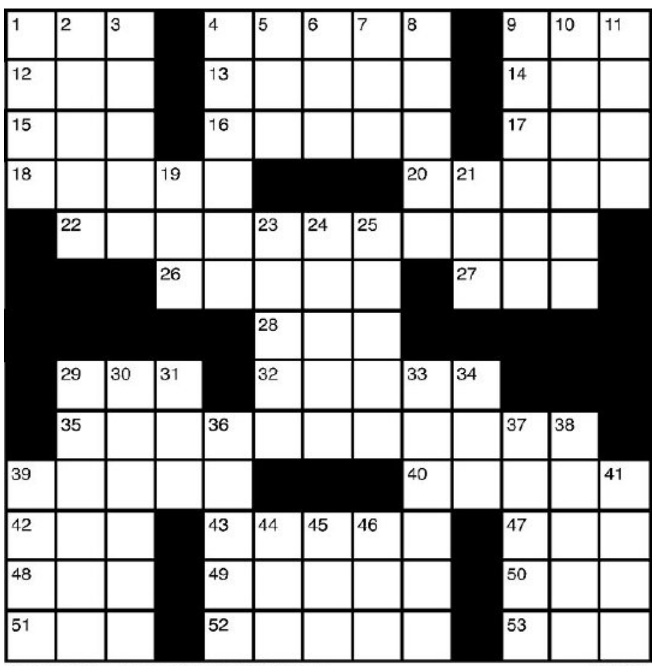
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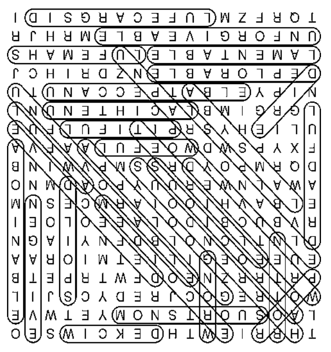

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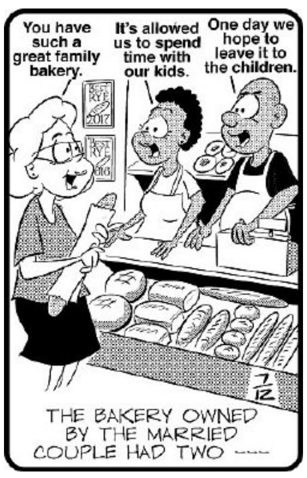
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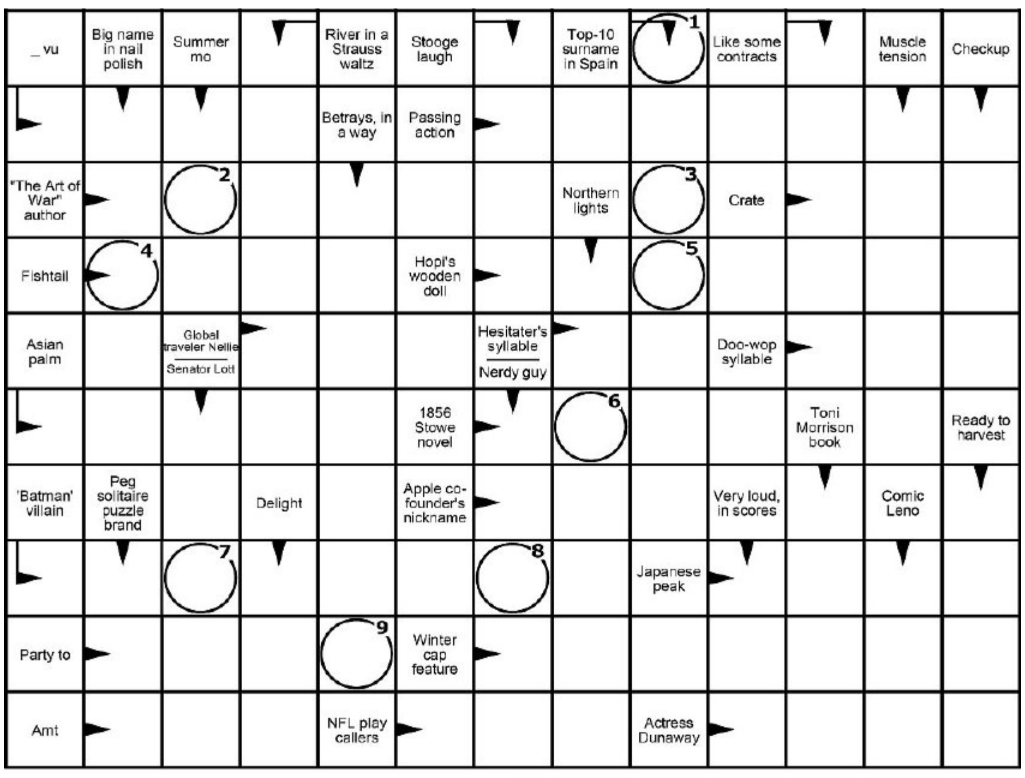
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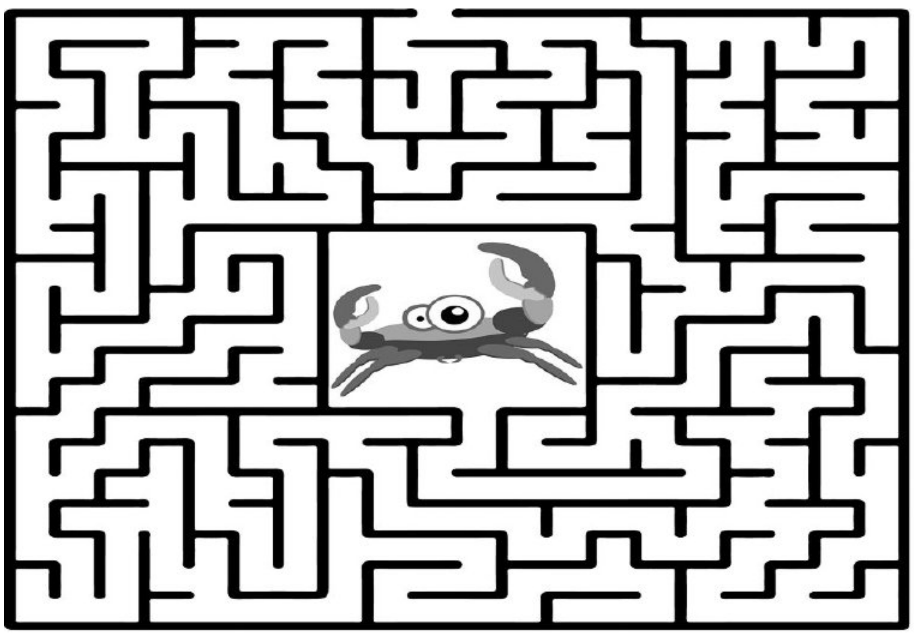

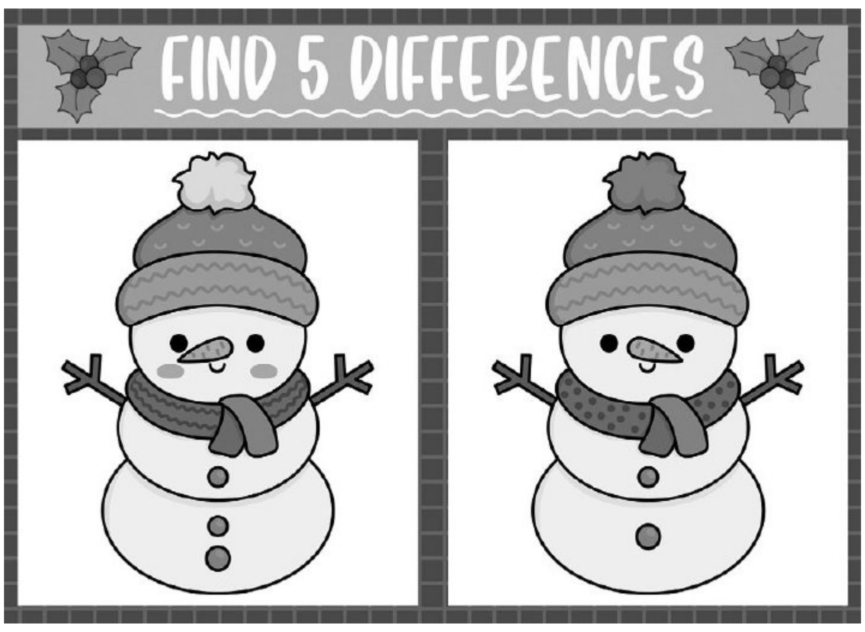
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Bears safety Eddie Jackson Jackson enjoyed a bounce-back season in 2022 with four interceptions and six pass deflections before he was injured. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

There's no time to lose

Defensive lineman Jones rips Packers fans, can't wait to go against Green Bay

By Colleen Kane
Chicago Tribune

Bears defensive lineman Justin Jones clearly has embraced the trash talk that comes with the Green Bay Packers rivalry after just one year wearing orange and blue.

It might be only June and the Bears-Packers season opener Sept. 10 at Soldier Field might be nearly three months away, but Jones still fanned the rivalry's flames Tuesday during mandatory minicamp at Halas Hall by calling Packers fans "s——-" and adding that "half of them don't even know football."

Jones' barbs came in response to a question about the seemingly wide-open NFC North picture this year after the Packers traded quarterback Aaron Rodgers to the New York Jets.

The sixth-year veteran said he wished Rodgers had played another season in Green Bay. (It probably should be noted that Jones played in just two of Rodgers' 25 career victories against the Bears after the defensive lineman joined the Bears on a two-year contract in 2022.)

"We went up there and we played a pretty good game, but it got away from us at the end, obviously, and they won," Jones said of

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Bears defensive tackle Justin Jones stretches during minicamp Tuesday at Halas Hall in Lake Forest.

Safety Eddie Jackson is healthy and making plays with a fresh perspective

Brad Biggs
On the Bears

With a good jump, Eddie Jackson closed the gap, arriving in plenty of time to break up a Justin Fields pass deep over the middle for Equanimeous St. Brown on Tuesday at the Walter Payton Center.

With steady rain falling, Chicago Bears coach Matt Eberflus shifted practice indoors to get in good work in the passing game. It was one of a handful of really nice plays for the defense. When Jackson headed to the sideline with a large grin on his face, there were hand slaps from teammates to go around.

In a vacuum, that play is why general manager Ryan Poles decided to keep the 29-year-old Jackson, coming off an injury to his Lisfranc ligament in his left foot in November, with his contract set to pay him $13.1 million this season.

Jackson enjoyed a bounce-back season in 2022 with four interceptions, six pass deflections and two forced fumbles to go with 80 tackles. Without question, it was his best season since 2019, and as a more steady tackler for the new coaching staff, he was one of the few bright spots on defense.

A long offseason spent primar-

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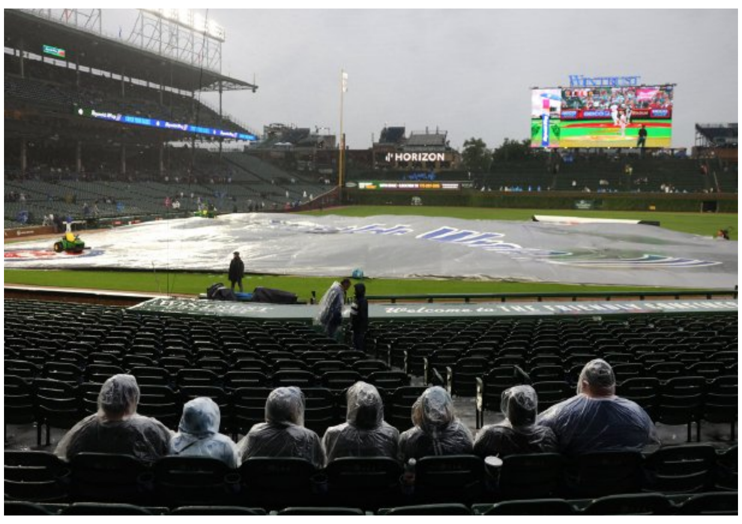
Can Cubs awaken from a bad dream?

Paul Sullivan
In the Wake of the News



The Henderson family, of Nashville, wait out a rain delay before the Cubs-Pirates game Tuesday at Wrigley Field. **CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

The mystery ailment to Seiya Suzuki remained a secret Tuesday night at Wrigley Field, though the Cubs right fielder was back in the starting lineup for the rain-delayed game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"My body feels really good," Suzuki said through an interpreter. "These past couple days I've just been dreaming. ... I've been having those dreams of getting bullied. But I feel like I'm back."

That also sounded like a perfect explanation for what has been ailing the Cubs, who returned from a 4-6 West Coast trip nine games under .500 after starting the season 12-7.

Maybe it all has been just a bad dream, and the Cubs suddenly will wake up against the division-leading Pirates, whom they play six times in their next nine games in home-and-away series.

The Cubs have been pushed around since their hot start, posting a .347 winning percentage (16-30) and threatening to fall into sellers at the trade deadline for the third straight season under President Jed Hoyer.

Can they punch back, or is this group destined to join the long list of Cubs teams that teased fans with a nice start only to show their true colors by the time the ivy bloomed?

Now is a good time to find out.

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WHITE SOX

'Trees are a huge part of life,' Giolito observes

Along with Cease, they help the environment one pitch at a time

By LaMond Pope
Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — The Chicago White Sox saw environmental concerns firsthand last week in New York.

The city was under a haze because of smoke carried down from wildfires burning in Canada.

"Insane, it was like orange outside," starter Lucas Giolito told the Tribune on Friday.

The team's scheduled game on Wednesday against the Yankees at Yankee Stadium was postponed because of what Major League Baseball called "clearly hazardous air quality."

"It's that warning, that reminder that 'Hey, don't take this for granted,' " Giolito said. "'We keep going the way we're going, we continue to piss Earth off, we're going to feel the consequences.' We felt those in New York. I pitched the first night (Tuesday). We could all tell it was tough and the next day we couldn't even get a game in.

"Earth's trying to remind us, 'Hey, why don't we take care a little bit better.' "

Giolito is doing his part to help.

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Sullivan

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Taking five of six from the Pirates would put them right back in the National League Central race, while losing both series could put them into a deep sleep and force Hoyer to consider moving players such as Marcus Stroman, Cody Bellinger, Drew Smyly and other veterans.

Only two months ago Hoyer said the Cubs were "on the front edge of where we want to be." If this is the front edge, something is wrong.

"Our biggest thing, and I would think everyone would agree with this, is like, we have to continue building and finding our identity as a group because that's going to pay us the biggest dividends," shortstop Dansby Swanson told me Tuesday.

"Playing our version of baseball every day, no matter who we're playing, is what we need. We did that in San Fran. We played well the first two days there. Slowly but surely we're finding our rhythm."

The Cubs had played 40% of their season already. Shouldn't they have found their identity by now?

"For sure," he said. "But when I say that it's like continue to build on what winning baseball looks like and how we are cultivating that as a group, right? We're slowly but surely starting to find that and understand roles and where guys are best suited. You've seen some of the differences in lineup changes and trying to get the right pieces in place because we've got a lot of really good players here."

Manager David Ross used a set top of the lineup for most of the first two months, with Nico Hoerner, Swanson, Ian Happ and Suzuki, respectively, as his Nos. 1-4 hitters. Journeyman Mike Tauchman was back in the leadoff spot Tuesday, while Hoerner dropped to second, Happ to the cleanup spot and Swanson back down to the No. 5 hole.

Individually, Hoerner, Swanson, Suzuki and Happ have put up respectable numbers and been the least of Ross' problems. But he had to try something new, and Swanson said he's comfortable batting anywhere.

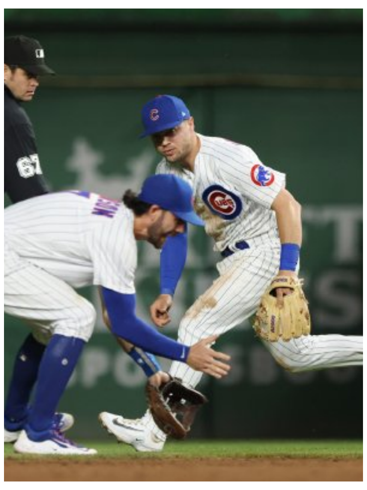
"If it jump-starts us one way or another," he said.

Ross suggested this Pirates series was no different from any other, repeating his mantra from the last, oh, three years.

"We need to play our best brand of baseball," he said, adding "not one game is more important to me than the next."

Confirmed.

There was some good news to report Tuesday. Justin Steele, second to Stroman among National League ERA leaders, could return from the injured list during the weekend series against the Baltimore Orioles. And Bellinger, out since May 16 with a bruised left knee, was scheduled to begin his rehab stint Tuesday night at Triple-A Iowa, playing first base. While Bellinger's Gold Glove-caliber defense in center was one of the reasons for the good start, Ross sounded as if he's OK with leaving Tauchman in center and sticking Bellinger at first when he's ready to return.


Cubs second baseman Nico Hoerner, right, backs up shortstop Dansby Swanson on a grounder **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

"Tauchman is swinging the bat really well and held down center field well," Ross said. "Just trying to find the best lineup whenever Belli gets back. He's pretty darn good at first base and has been. Having another option over the makes sense. ... First-base production hasn't been one of our strengths this year. Got to get somebody going over there."

That means Matt Mervis, the highly touted prospect hitting .165 since his mid-May call-up, might be playing on borrowed time. Cubs first basemen — specifically Mervis, Trey Mancini and the recently released Eric Hosmer — are third worst among major-league teams with a combined .329 slugging percentage.

Except for a brief surge from Frank Schwindel in the final two months of 2021, the position has been a black hole since the Cubs dealt Anthony Rizzo to the New York Yankees two years ago. Ross called Mervis a young player "trying to find his way in the major leagues," adding "the bats have been fine."

In other moves Tuesday, the Cubs recalled Iowa infielder Miles Mastrobuoni, who hit .169 in his previous two stints, and selected the contract of Iowa left-hander Anthony Kay.

Brandon Hughes was placed on the 15-day IL with left knee inflammation, and Jeremiah Estrada was optioned to Iowa. Nick Burdi, on the 15-day IL with appendicitis, was transferred to the 60-day IL to make room for Kay on the 40-man roster.

A lingering rainstorm prevented the Cubs-Pirates game from starting on time and delayed Suzuki's return from whatever vague aliment kept him on the bench in San Francisco.

"I'm hoping I can get some good dreams in tonight," Suzuki said.

After watching the nightmarish stretch of baseball since late April, Cubs fans could relate.

BLACKHAWKS

Blackhawks' Patrick Sharp walks the red carpet at the UC on Oct. 5, 2017. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Sharp goes to Flyers

Color analyst gets gig in front office as TV shakeup continues

By Phil Thompson
Chicago Tribune

Patrick Sharp has left his role as Blackhawks TV color analyst after one season to take a personnel position with the Philadelphia Flyers.

The Flyers announced Tuesday that Sharp, a former forward with the Hawks and Flyers, has been named special adviser to hockey operations.

"In adding Patrick Sharp to our group, we are gaining an individual who has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to building an environment of winning at all levels," Flyers president of hockey operations Keith Jones said on the team's website.

"Patrick knows what it takes to win, he understands how to convey that to our players and is a relationship maker. He will be a vital component as we continue to build the foundation of the Philadelphia Flyers."

General manager Daniel Brière, who the Flyers hired along with Jones a month ago, added, "Patrick is a well-established veteran on-and-off the ice and his incomparable hockey knowledge will be a valuable asset to our organization and young prospects."

According to the team, the 41-year-old Sharp will focus on prospect development and report to Brière.

"Patrick Sharp is loved by our fans and we will all miss him on our broadcasts and around the team," Hawks president of business operations Jamie Faulkner said in a statement. "Our fans loved his quick wit and insight into the games."

Last season, the Hawks hired Sharp, a three-time Stanley Cup champion (2010, 2013 and 2015) and alternate captain, to replace longtime broadcaster Eddie Olczyk after contract talks with Olcyzk unraveled and he joined the Seattle Kraken's broadcast team.

Sharp split TV duties with Troy Murray as play-by-play man Chris Vosters' on-air partner for the Hawks. Vosters was one of several candidates to audition for the role during Pat Foley's farewell season in 2021-22.

Sharp was a Flyers' 2001 third-round draft pick and spent his first three NHL seasons in Philadelphia (though he only played three games in his first season in 2002-03).

The Flyers traded him to the Blackhawks on Dec. 5, 2005, where he played until the trade to the Dallas Stars after the 2014-15 season.

He came back to Hawks for one more season in 2017-18, then retired.

The Hawks hired former St. Louis Blues analyst Darren Pang last week, signaling changes to the broadcast team were in the works. Pang will partner with Vosters in the TV booth.

Pang, a former Hawks goalie, said in a statement via the Hawks, "It's an honor to return to Chicago and join the broadcast booth at such an exciting time for this franchise. Coming back to where my NHL playing and broadcasting career started means a lot to me and my family.

"Chris Vosters is one of the best young broadcasters in the game, (and) I look forward to working with him and telling the story of Blackhawks hockey to the great fans of this organization."

In addition to those moves, the Hawks and now-former between-the-benches interviewer Colby Cohen came to a mutual decision to part ways last week too.

Cohen is returning to the Philadelphiaarea, though he said he's not joining the Flyers broadcast team.

White Sox

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He and fellow Sox starter Dylan Cease joined the Play For Trees Program in 2022 — a partnership between the global reforestation nonprofit One Tree Planted and Players for the Planet, which according to its website focuses on "positive change for our environment" — to help athletes make an impact by tying performance statistics to trees planted.

They wedged planting trees with strikeouts last season, each supporting the work of reforestation through One Tree Planted.

Chris Dickerson, the Players for the Planet co-founder, presented Giolito with the "Golden Shovel Award" during an on-field ceremony before Friday's game against the Miami Marlins at Guaranteed Rate Field for his commitment to planting more than 30,000 trees — the most by an athlete in the program in 2022.

"He's been such a huge piece of the new generation and the athletes that continue to come on and want to get involved," Dickerson told the Tribune on Friday.

"The thing about Lucas, it's putting his money where his mouth is. Walking the walk while talking the talk. Lucas has been the pinnacle of that in 2022."

Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito is given a baseball bat shovel by Chris Dickerson of One Tree Planted before a game Friday. **JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Dickerson said Giolito's commitment of more than 30,000 trees planted in Northern California roughly represents an area three times the size of Guaranteed Rate Field.

Giolito and the Sox were in California on Tuesday, beginning a three-game series against the Los Angeles Dodgers at Dodger Stadium.

Giolito said the honor "means a lot."

"I lived in Northern California for a few offseasons over the last few years, I was out there when pretty much all NorCal was on fire, it was devastating for communities, especially devastating for wildlife population," Giolito said. "To be able to kind of do my part with my platform, raising awareness, raising money, especially with the One Tree Planted, I love what they do.

"Being able to support them through Players for the Planet has been an amazing opportunity. I'm looking forward to doing more in the future, hopefully have a few Golden Shovels under my belt by the time I'm done playing."

Through the partnership, Giolito has aided in bringing trees back to areas that need them.

"Trees are a huge part of life," Giolito said.

"They're big parts of habitats, big parts of bringing oxygen and other things to the environment, stabilizing the environment. Planting trees is one of the simplest things you can do, but also one of the most impactful.

"(One Tree Planted) does a wonderful job organizing, providing different options, different areas of need. We take it from there, go out, try to get some strikeouts and keep planting them."

Last offseason, Giolito participated in a beach cleanup project in the Dominican Republic with Players for the Planet. The group collected about two tons of marooned debris — nearly 3,000 pounds of which was plastic — during cleanups totaling almost three hours, first at Playa Montesinos and then Fuerte San Gil.

His involvement in environmental causes isn't new. Giolito did some charity work for the environmental nonprofit Heal the Bay while in middle school in Southern California

"I'm going to continue to use my platform and the platform of Players for the Planet to spread that message of, 'Do that little bit more to be more conscious of the waste we're producing,' " Giolito said. "'Be more conscious of how it could be affecting the environment, how it could be affecting our Earth.'

"Spreading that message, take one second and think, 'Hey what's one little thing I can maybe change to do my part to help a little bit.' It starts there and then it can grow from there. If everybody does one little thing, it all adds up."

Bears wide receiver Chase Claypool during organized team activities in May. **BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

WR Claypool ailing

Eberflus downplays lingering injuries as minicamp wraps up

By Dan Wiederer
Chicago Tribune

Rain pushed the Bears inside the Walter Payton Center for their first day of minicamp Tuesday in Lake Forest. The team is wrapping up its offseason program with two more practices scheduled Wednesday and Thursday. As head coach Matt Eberflus continues shaping his team in advance of training camp, here are four things we learned Tuesday at Halas Hall.

Receiver Chase Claypool is dealing with "a few things" health-wise that are preventing him from practicing, Eberflus said: Yes, you read that correctly. "A few things." As in plural. Claypool has been off the practice field the past three weeks with what was originally described as an unspecified soft-tissue injury. Now, per Eberflus, there is more than one thing to keep an eye on. And Claypool's missed practice time is significant as he tries to take a big leap forward in his first full season with the Bears, developing timing and building rapport with quarterback Justin Fields.

"Training camp will be big," Eberflus said.

Eberflus emphasized he still views Claypool's injuries as minor.

"What's great about this time of year is we have the luxury of him working with the trainers," Eberflus said. "He's not on a time crunch and we can get him fully healthy working into the summer because we have 40 days when we break from (minicamp) to get ready to report to training camp. So that's what we're trying to do."

Claypool isn't the only key Bears receiver working back from an injury setback. Darnell Mooney, who suffered a season-ending fibula fracture in November that required surgery, is still hoping to be back for training camp next month. But when Eberflus was pressed Tuesday to clarify whether Mooney has been cleared to do any on-field running he declined to answer directly.

"They have a progression for that, from working in the water to working on zero-gravity treadmills and all that stuff, and then working on grass. I'll just tell you this: He's on track with where he's supposed to be."

Eberflus also said linebacker Jack Sanborn is likely to be full-go for training camp as he completes his recovery from the ankle injury that ended his rookie season in Week 15. Eberflus said Sanborn will open camp as the Bears' starter at strong side linebacker with fifth-round pick Noah Sewell also in the mix.

Guard Nate Davis downplayed his absence from the first two weeks of organized team activities: Davis joined the Bears on a three-year, $30 million deal in March but chose to skip chunks of the offseason program, including a half-dozen OTA practices last month. Davis explained his decision as "normal routine for me."

"At the same time," he said, "I was in communication with the coaches, even with the players, staying in the playbook. I was also able to take care of some off-the-field stuff too. I'm here now. That's what really matters."

A lot will be expected of Davis on the interior of the offensive line, particularly as the offensive line attempts to enhance Fields' comfort in the pocket. He said he is eager to see the line continue to jell through training camp and expressed his eagerness to continue developing under Bears offensive line coach Chris Morgan.

"He'll get the best out of me," Davis said.

Rookie cornerback Tyrique Stevenson has made a positive early impression: Stevenson, whom the Bears traded up to draft in the second round in April, is on a fast-track to being a Week 1 starter in a cornerback trio that also includes Jaylon Johnson outside and Kyler Gordon in the slot. Stevenson's athleticism and work habits have quickly caught the attention of coaches, with Eberflus also praising his ball skills and instincts and noting that Stevenson has quickly become a player other defenders gravitate to.

"He's a likable guy because he does love football and he is competitive," Eberflus said. "So I think he fits well with Gordon and (Jaquan) Brisker and Eddie (Jackson) and all those guys who are really competitive and like to grind it and like to practice."

Safety Eddie Jackson compared Stevenson's quick emergence to that of Jaquan Brisker, who quickly seized a starting role as a rookie last season.

"It's the mindset he's coming out there with," Jackson said. "Young guy? Don't care. Years in the league? That don't matter. He just wants to go out and ball."

Add another testimonial to the Justin Fields-to-DJ Moore brochure at Halas Hall: Fields and Moore continue to be on the same page and have been so productive in practices over the past month that not a day goes by where someone in the building doesn't forecast a bright future for the duo.

Tuesday's endorsement came from veteran defensive tackle Justin Jones.

"That (number) 1 to (number) 2 connection is going to be crazy this year," Jones said. "I'm going to tell you that right now. I like what I see. DJ Moore is a great addition. … He is somebody who can get open, who can run every route on the route tree. He can beat man (coverage), press, any type of coverage you throw at him. Double teams, he's running right by guys, hitting them with double moves."

The potential for Fields and Moore to continue growing together is high and the internal expectations for what their production will be are growing.

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the Packers' 27-10 win in September. "But their fans are really (s——-). So yeah, I wanted to go back up there … and I wanted to beat them and I wanted him to be there so he could see it.

"But the fact he is gone. I mean, it's cool. I guess it's better for him not to be here.

"But yeah, I'm ready to take it over. I mean, it's a good time to be a Bears fan. I'm not even going to lie to you."

Asked why Packers fans are so "s——-," Jones called them "frickin' obnoxious, just yelling and all that other stuff about things that don't even matter."

"The game hasn't even started yet, like what are we talking about here?" Jones, 26, said. "Whatever, bro. Half of them don't even know football. It's so weird to me.

"But I'm just ready to go back out there and play. And I want to go out there and I want to beat the hell out of them on their field, and I want to hear the boos then. That's what I look forward to."

Jones isn't the only player to trash talk in the rivalry. After all, Rodgers, claiming to see a Bears fan flipping him the double-bird in October 2021 at Soldier Field, yelled on the field to Bears fans, "I own you! All my (bleeping) life! I own you! I still own you!"

But the Bears haven't had much substance to back up their insults directed at the Packers during the Rodgers era. Perhaps that will change with Rodgers gone and new quarterback Jordan Love at the helm.

Jones at least sounded optimistic about the Bears core despite a 3-14 season in 2022.

He noted the difficulty of playing through a year in which the Bears traded defensive stars Roquan Smith and Robert Quinn and had another star, Eddie Jackson, go down with a foot injury.

He spoke highly of the potential of rookie defensive linemen Gervon Dexter and Zacch Pickens. And he said the 2023 team is "a whole different locker room than it was last year"

"We've got a lot more guys who are more team-oriented versus themselves," Jones said. "When you've got a bunch of guys that are on one-year deals and they're all worried about what they're going to be next year, it's kind of hard to build a tight group.

"But when you've got guys that are going to be here for three years, four years, two years, guys who really want to come in here and win, that's when you really start cooking with fire because now you've got talented players and you've got guys that want to … play for the Bears."

Jones, who had 52 tackles, 12 tackles for a loss, seven quarterback hits and three sacks last season, spoke of that chemistry again when he was asked about the Bears potentially signing a veteran edge rusher to bolster the thinnest position group on the roster.

"Whoever they bring in here I hope that he fits the team chemistry and team camaraderie that we're building here because that's a very delicate type of thing that you don't want to mess up," he said. "Because when your team is close, that's kind of rare in the league. The biggest thing you try to build is like an actual team who care about each other.

"Being in this league, everybody's worried about the money and about making plays and doing it for self. So if you get a bunch of guys who are doing it for each other, you've got a special group of guys. And we've got that here with the Bears."

Of course, adding a defensive end who can help make sure Love doesn't look like Rodgers probably would boost morale too — and help Jones back up the trash talk.

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ily at Halas Hall rehabbing from the injury suffered in a Week 12 loss to the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium paid off. Jackson was mostly in individual drills last week when he first got back on the field during OTAs and was a participant in full team drills during the first day of minicamp. His timeline for recovery was aided by the fact he did not require surgery, something he learned before the season concluded. He expressed gratitude for the help he received from the training staff.

"It was huge," Jackson said. "That was the goal to get back in time for vet minicamp. Just to be out there with the guys and get that chemistry back. We have a lot of new faces, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

"It's just a different feel out there right now, even for me when I got back and watched from the sideline, you just see the energy that the young guys even bring. Then (linebackers) Tremaine (Edmunds), T.J. (Edwards), those guys inside, they are a staple to our defense. Just continue to build off the momentum but the energy is high."

As much as the new front office and coaching staff valued Jackson for becoming a playmaker in the middle of the field, his leadership was critical for a young roster that will be very young again. He was a sounding board for fellow safety Jaquan Brisker during his successful rookie season, and other rookies held Jackson in high regard. It was evident in the postgame locker room that Jaylon Jones and Elijah Hicks, players who could add depth to the secondary this season, were devastated last year when Jackson was injured simply backpedaling. They were following his lead on and off the field,and Jackson had hosted players at his home just days prior on Thanksgiving.

The Bears would like Jackson to help rookie cornerbacks Tyrique Stevenson and Terell Smith, among others, this season.

"He's been a true pro," Eberflus said. "He's works his tail off. And it wasn't easy. His love of football helped him to do it. It's infectious for him the way he works and the experience he brings to the table for our entire secondary because we have a pretty young secondary now. He's that one guy in there that has that experience and brings that know-how and what to do and how to do it to our room. We really love where Eddie is."

Jackson had been down the injury road before, so he knew about the grind that would be involved in making it back. What he hadn't experienced is a season as raw and distasteful as 2022 when the Bears stumbled to 3-14. Entering his seventh season, maybe there was a lesson in that.

"Especially right now, these years, we can't waste them," he said. "I feel like I go out there — I've got to lead the right way. I've got to lead by example. I've got to go out there and play the best ball that I can and and make plays.

"How I act, how I go out there, how I perform. I feel like we feed off that. We feed off one another. Just going out there and just doing my best. It's huge. It's Year 7 for me, so it's not more years to waste. Every year I want to come out and improve and get better and better."

If Jackson can continue to make plays in the post like he did on Day 1 of minicamp, he'll be just the kind of leader the Bears need — one that leads first by his performance.

Bears safety Eddie Jackson practices at minicamp Tuesday in Lake Forest. **BRIAN CASSELLA/ CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

BASEBALL

American League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Tampa Bay	48	21	.696	—	—	8-2	L-1	31-7	17-14
Baltimore	42	24	.636	4½	+4½	7-3	W-5	21-12	21-12
New York	39	29	.574	8½	+½	5-5	W-1	21-17	18-12
Toronto	37	31	.544	10½	1½	6-4	L-1	19-13	18-18
Boston	33	35	.485	14½	5½	3-7	L-2	17-18	16-17

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	34	33	.507	—	—	4-6	W-1	19-14	15-19
Cleveland	31	34	.477	2	6	6-4	W-1	16-17	15-17
Chicago	29	38	.433	5	9	6-4	L-2	17-17	12-21
Detroit	27	37	.422	5½	9½	1-9	W-1	15-16	12-21
Kansas City	18	49	.269	16	20	1-9	L-8	9-25	9-24

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Texas	41	24	.631	—	—	6-4	L-2	21-10	20-14
Houston	38	29	.567	4	—	4-6	W-1	19-14	19-15
Los Angeles	37	31	.544	5½	1½	7-3	W-2	20-14	17-17
Seattle	32	33	.492	9	5	4-6	W-1	18-15	14-18
Oakland	18	50	.265	24½	20½	6-4	W-6	8-24	10-26

National League

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	40	26	.606	—	—	7-3	L-2	20-15	20-11
Miami	37	30	.552	3½	+2½	8-2	L-1	21-13	16-17
Philadelphia	32	34	.485	8	2	7-3	L-1	19-11	13-23
New York	31	36	.463	9½	3½	1-9	L-2	15-13	16-23
Washington	26	39	.400	13½	7½	3-7	L-1	12-21	14-18

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Pittsburgh	34	30	.531	—	—	7-3	W-1	18-16	16-14
Milwaukee	34	33	.507	1½	½	4-6	L-5	18-16	16-17
Cincinnati	33	35	.485	3	2	7-3	W-4	17-18	16-17
Chicago	28	37	.431	6½	5½	4-6	L-1	15-16	13-21
St. Louis	27	40	.403	8½	7½	2-8	L-3	13-19	14-21

WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	41	25	.621	—	—	8-2	W-6	21-14	20-11
Los Angeles	37	29	.561	4	+3	3-7	L-1	20-10	17-19
San Francisco	34	32	.515	7	—	6-4	W-2	18-17	16-15
San Diego	31	34	.477	9½	2½	6-4	L-1	15-18	16-16
Colorado	29	40	.420	13½	6½	4-6	W-3	16-19	13-21

BOX SCORES

LATE MONDAY: DETROIT 6, ATLANTA 5 (10)

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Acuna Jr. rf	5	0	1	3	0	.328
M.Olson 1b	4	0	2	0	1	.232
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.266
Murphy c	4	0	0	0	0	.281
2-Hilliard pr	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Jimenez p	0	0	0	0	0	---
Ozuna dh	1	1	1	0	0	.246
a-d'Arnaud dh-c	3	0	0	0	1	.288
Rosario lf	5	0	0	0	1	.246
Albies 2b	2	1	0	1	1	.251
Arcia ss	4	1	1	0	1	.323
Harris II cf	4	2	3	1	0	.205
TOTALS	**36**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**5**	

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
McKinstry rf	3	0	0	0	2	.249
b-Schoop ph-3b	3	1	1	0	1	.194
Torkelson 1b	6	1	3	3	1	.232
Carpenter dh	5	0	1	0	2	.279
1-Marisnick dh	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Baez ss	5	1	2	0	2	.224
Maton 3b-2b	5	1	0	0	2	.162
Vierling cf	4	0	2	0	1	.247
Short 2b-rf	5	0	2	2	1	.284
Ibanez lf	4	2	3	1	1	.202
Rogers c	3	0	1	0	0	.171
TOTALS	**43**	**6**	**15**	**6**	**13**	

Atlanta	**010**	**021**	**010**	**0**	**5**	**8**	**2**
Detroit	**000**	**000**	**113**	**1**	**6**	**15**	**1**

One out when winning run scored. a-struck out for Ozuna in the 5th. b-struck out for McKinstry in the 7th. 1-ran for Carpenter in the 9th. 2-ran for Murphy in the 10th. **E:** Rosario (2), Riley (8), Baez (9). **LOB:** Atlanta 8, Detroit 14. **2B:** Ozuna (7), Acuna Jr. (21), Vierling (7), Ibanez (7), Baez (9). HR: Harris II (4), off Alexander; Ibanez (3), off McHugh; Torkelson (6), off Iglesias. **RBIs:** Albies (43), Acuna Jr. 3(40), Harris II (12), Ibanez (9), Short 2(14), Torkelson 3(29). SB: Harris II (6), Albies (3). CS: Albies (0). SF: Albies. S: Rogers. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 4(Murphy, Rosario 2, Riley); Detroit 7(Torkelson, Short 2, Ibanez 2, Carpenter, Rogers). **RISP:** Atlanta 1for 11; Detroit 3for 16. **Runners moved up:** Rosario, d'Arnaud. **GIDP:** Rosario. **DP:** Detroit 2(Torkelson, Baez, Torkelson; Ibanez, Rogers, Ibanez).

ATLANTA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Morton	5⅔	4	0	0	3	8	3.60
McHugh, H, 5	⅓	2	1	1	0	0	3.12
Minter, H, 3	1	0	0	0	0	2	5.93
Anderson	1	3	1	1	0	1	3.42
Iglesias, BS, 9-11	1	5	3	3	0	2	4.02
Jimenez, L, 0-2	⅓	1	1	0	0	0	3.74

DETROIT	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Englert	2⅔	3	1	1	1	1	4.89
Hill	2⅔	3	3	2	3	2	8.49
Alexander	3⅔	2	1	1	0	2	5.23
Lange, W, 4-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3.29

Inherited runners-scored: McHugh 2-0, Minter 1-0, Hill 2-0, Alexander 1-1. **HBP:** Hill (Ozuna). **Umpires:** Home, Jordan Baker; First, Scott Barry; Second, Mark Carlson; Third, Brennan Miller. T: 3:07. **A:** 18,742(41,083).

LATE MONDAY: OAKLAND 4, TAMPA BAY 3

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Y.Diaz dh	3	0	0	0	1	.308
Raley 1b	3	1	2	0	0	.265
b-Ramirez 1b	1	0	1	0	0	.309
Arozarena lf	3	0	1	0	1	.289
Paredes 3b	2	0	0	0	0	.258
a-Franco ph-ss	2	0	0	0	0	.296
Lowe rf	2	1	0	0	1	.295
c-Margot ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	.245
Siri cf	4	1	1	3	3	.224
Walls ss-3b	4	0	1	0	1	.212
Bethancourt c	4	0	0	0	1	.224
Brujan 2b	4	0	1	0	0	.182
TOTALS	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**9**	

Oakland	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ruiz cf	4	0	0	0	0	.259
Noda 1b	4	0	1	1	1	.249
Laureano rf	4	0	0	0	2	.222
Brown lf	3	0	0	0	1	.191
Rooker dh	2	0	0	0	2	.259
Bride 3b	2	1	1	0	0	.300
Peterson 2b	3	1	2	0	1	.230
Smith ss	3	1	1	0	0	.196
Langeliers c	3	1	1	3	1	.217
TOTALS	**28**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**8**	

Tampa Bay	**000**	**003**	**000**	**3**	**7**	**0**
Oakland	**000**	**040**	**00x**	**4**	**6**	**0**

a-grounded out for Paredes in the 6th. b-singled for Raley in the 7th. c-struck out for Lowe in the 8th. **LOB:** Tampa Bay 6, Oakland 2. **2B:** Arozarena (8), Langeliers (9). **HR:** Siri (12), off Kaprielian. **RBIs:** Siri 3(27), Langeliers 3(29), Noda (25). **SB:** Raley (8), Lowe (15). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 2(Arozarena, Paredes); Oakland 0. **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1for 5; Oakland 3for 5. **Runners moved up:** Franco, Ruiz. **GIDP:** Paredes, Smith, Ruiz. **DP:** Tampa Bay 2(Brujan, Walls, Raley; Franco, Brujan, Ramirez); Oakland 1 (Bride, Peterson, Noda).

TAMPA BAY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Eflin, L, 8-2	4⅔	5	4	4	2	6	3.28
Kelly	1⅓	0	0	0	0	1	3.68
Armstrong	1	1	0	0	0	0	0.00
Stephenson	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.00

OAKLAND	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Kaprielian, W, 2-6	6	5	3	3	3	4	6.89
Waldichuk, S, 1-1	3	2	0	0	0	5	6.87

Pitches-Strikes: Eflin 94-58; Kelly 13-11; Armstrong 7-6; Stephenson 10-9; Kaprielian 93-64; Waldichuk 51-37. **Inherited runners-scored:** Kelly 1-0. **Umpires:** Home, Manny Gonzalez; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Alex MacKay; Third, Adrian Johnson. **Time:** 2:31. **A:** 4,848(46,847).

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS

through Monday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Bichette Tor	67	287	91	37	.317
Y.Díaz TB	56	211	65	43	.308
Yoshida Bos	59	228	69	34	.303
Urshela LAA	61	212	64	22	.302
Hays Bal	59	216	65	32	.301
Merrifield Tor	60	217	65	29	.300
Dubón Hou	51	207	62	35	.300
Franco TB	64	253	75	41	.296
Greene Det	52	203	60	29	.296
Judge NYY	49	175	51	42	.291

Home Runs: Ohtani, Los Angeles, 20; Judge, New York, 19; Alvarez, Houston, 17; Robert Jr., Chicago, 15; A.García, Texas, 15; Devers, Boston, 15; Perez, Kansas City, 14; Trout, Los Angeles, 14; Bichette, Toronto, 14; 3 tied at 13. **RBIs:** Alvarez, Houston, 55; A.García, Texas, 54; Devers, Boston, 52; Semien, Texas, 51; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 50; J.Naylor, Cleveland, 48; Heim, Texas, 46; Paredes, Tampa Bay, 45; Arozarena, Tampa Bay, 44; Bichette, Toronto, 43. **Pitching:** McClanahan, Tampa Bay, 10-1; Eovaldi, Texas, 9-2; Eflin, Tampa Bay, 8-2; Gibson, Baltimore, 8-3.

LATE MONDAY: SAN FRANCISCO 4, ST. LOUIS 3

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Slater cf	5	1	3	0	2	.400
Yastrzemski cf	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Estrada 2b	4	1	0	0	1	.291
Flores 1b	4	1	2	0	0	.252
Davis dh	5	0	1	1	1	.284
Haniger lf	5	0	2	2	1	.231
Conforto rf	4	0	0	0	1	.237
Schmitt 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.277
Bailey c	3	1	2	0	0	.317
Crawford ss	4	0	2	1	0	.202
TOTALS	**38**	**4**	**12**	**4**	**6**	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Donovan 2b	4	1	2	0	1	.258
Goldschmidt 1b	5	1	1	2	1	.286
Gorman dh	4	0	1	0	3	.257
Arenado 3b	4	0	2	0	0	.280
Contreras c	3	0	0	0	0	.201
Carlson rf	4	0	0	0	1	.241
J.Walker lf	4	0	2	0	0	.287
DeJong ss	4	1	2	1	0	.231
Edman cf	3	0	0	0	0	.237
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**6**	

San Francisco	**002**	**000**	**110**	**4**	**12**	**1**
St. Louis	**000**	**012**	**000**	**3**	**10**	**0**

E: Flores (2). **LOB:** San Francisco 11, St. Louis 8. **2B:** Haniger (9), Flores (8), Bailey (6). HR: DeJong (9), off Webb; Goldschmidt (11), off Webb. **RBIs:** Davis (35), Haniger 2(22), Crawford (16), DeJong (20), Goldschmidt 2 (30). SB: Edman (10). CS: Slater (2), J.Walker (2). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 6(Flores 2, Haniger, Crawford, Conforto 2); St. Louis 3(Carlson 2, Goldschmidt). **RISP:** San Francisco 3for 12; St. Louis 0for 3. **Runners moved up:** Davis, Estrada. **GIDP:** Contreras, DeJong. **DP:** San Francisco 2(Crawford, Estrada, Flores; Crawford, Estrada, Flores).

SAN FRANCISCO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Webb, W, 5-6	7	7	3	3	0	6	3.15
Ty.Rogers, H, 13	⅔	2	0	0	0	0	1.71
Doval, S, 17-18	1⅓	1	0	0	2	0	1.86

ST. LOUIS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Liberatore	6	7	2	2	2	5	5.14
Pallante, BS, 0-3	1	2	1	1	1	1	4.38
Stratton, L, 1-1	1	3	1	1	0	0	3.93
Matz	1	0	0	0	0	0	5.27

Inherited runners-scored: Doval 2-0. **HBP:** Liberatore (Estrada), Doval (Donovan). **WP:** Liberatore. **Umpires:** Home, Dan Iassogna; First, Tripp Gibson; Second, Gabe Morales; Third, Adam Beck. **Time:** 2:31. **A:** 40,886(44,494).

LATE MONDAY: COLORADO 4, BOSTON 3 (10)

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Profar lf	5	1	3	0	0	.248
Tovar ss	5	0	0	0	1	.248
McMahon 3b	3	2	1	0	0	.261
Diaz c	4	0	1	1	0	.294
Grichuk dh	3	0	0	1	2	.310
Jones rf	4	0	0	0	2	.333
Montes 2b	5	0	0	0	4	.250
Montero 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.203
b-Castro ph-cf	1	0	0	0	0	.264
Doyle cf	3	0	1	0	1	.217
c-Moustakas 1b	1	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	**37**	**4**	**6**	**2**	**11**	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Duran lf	3	0	1	0	0	.282
a-Refsnyder lf	2	0	0	1	0	.275
Verdugo rf	4	1	1	0	0	.285
Turner dh	3	0	2	1	1	.270
1-Reyes pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Devers 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.243
Duvall cf	3	0	0	0	2	.381
Casas 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.197
Arroyo 2b	4	1	2	1	1	.258
Wong c	4	1	2	0	0	.243
Hernandez ss	3	0	0	0	0	.228
d-Yoshida ph	1	0	1	0	0	.303
TOTALS	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**6**	

Colorado	**000**	**100**	**010**	**2**	**4**	**6**	**0**
Boston	**000**	**001**	**100**	**1**	**3**	**9**	**2**

a-lined out for Duran in the 8th. b-grounded out for Montero in the 9th. c-popped out for Doyle in the 9th. d-singled for Hernandez in the 10th. 1-ran for Turner in the 8th. **E:** Hernandez (14), Casas (3). **LOB:** Colorado 10, Boston 6. **2B:** Profar 2(16), McMahon (19), Turner (13), Arroyo (8). **HR:** Arroyo (2), off Suter. **RBIs:** Diaz (30), Grichuk (12), Turner (28), Arroyo (12), Refsnyder (19). **Runners left in scoring position:** Colorado 7(Montes 2, Diaz, Tovar, Jones 3); Boston 4(Duvall 3, Wong). **RISP:** Colorado 1for 13; Boston 2for 8. **Runners moved up:** McMahon, Devers. **GIDP:** Montero, Casas, Verdugo, Devers. **DP:** Colorado 3(Diaz, Montero; Montes, Tovar, Moustakas; McMahon, Tovar, Moustakas); Boston 1(Arroyo, Hernandez, Casas).

COLORADO	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Seabold	6	6	1	1	1	6	4.70
Suter	1⅔	1	1	1	0	0	2.06
Johnson	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	7.11
Bard, W, 2-0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0.92
Carasiti, S, 1-1	1	1	1	0	0	0	3.86

BOSTON	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Paxton	6	4	1	0	1	8	3.09
Winckowski	1⅔	2	1	1	2	1	2.33
Bernardino	⅓	0	0	0	0	1	2.79
Jansen	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.18
Pivetta, L, 3-4	⅔	0	2	0	3	0	5.40
Jacques	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Garza	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	2.70

Jacques pitched to 1 batters in the 10th Inherited runners-scored: Winckowski 1-0, Bernardino 3-0, Jacques 3-1, Garza 3-0. IBB: off Pivetta (McMahon). **Umpires:** Home, Chad Fairchild; First, Nic Lentz; Second, Charlie Ramos; Third, Jeremie Rehak. T: 3:05. **A:** 32,227 (37,755).

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

through Monday's games

BATTING AVERAGE	G	AB	H	R	AVG.
Arraez Mia	62	233	91	27	.391
Freeman LAD	66	263	89	57	.338
Acuña Jr. Atl	66	268	88	56	.328
Castellanos Phi	66	257	81	41	.315
Carroll Ari	63	224	70	49	.313
Meneses Was	61	251	77	27	.307
Gurriel Jr. Ari	55	209	63	31	.301
Stott Phi	63	255	75	26	.294
E.Díaz Col	58	201	59	22	.294
T.Estrada SF	54	223	65	35	.291

Home Runs: Alonso, New York, 22; Soler, Miami, 19; Muncy, Los Angeles, 18; Olson, Atlanta, 18; Schwarber, Philadelphia, 17; Betts, Los Angeles, 17; J.Martinez, Los Angeles, 16; Gorman, St. Louis, 15; Wisdom, Chicago, 14; Albies, Atlanta, 14. **RBIs:** Alonso, New York, 49; J.Martinez, Los Angeles, 47; Gorman, St. Louis, 46; Muncy, Los Angeles, 45; Arenado, St. Louis, 45; Olson, Atlanta, 45. **Pitching:** Keller, Pittsburgh, 8-2; M.Kelly, Arizona, 8-3; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 8-4; Gallen, Arizona, 7-2; Stroman, Chicago, 7-4.

LATE MONDAY: CINCINNATI 5, KANSAS CITY 4

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Friedl cf	5	2	2	1	1	.314
McLain ss	5	0	1	0	1	.330
India 2b	5	0	2	2	2	.277
De La Cruz 3b	5	0	0	0	2	.296
Steer 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.278
Stephenson dh	4	0	2	0	2	.253
1-Hopkins pr-dh	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Benson rf	3	0	1	0	0	.234
Fairchild lf	3	1	1	1	0	.230
Maile c	2	1	1	0	0	.250
a-Newman ph	0	0	0	1	0	.270
Casali c	0	0	0	0	0	.172
TOTALS	**35**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**10**	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Pratto 1b	3	0	0	1	0	.282
Perez c	5	1	2	1	1	.275
Melendez rf	5	1	1	0	1	.215
2-Eaton pr	0	0	0	0	0	.058
Witt Jr. ss	2	1	0	0	0	.237
Massey 2b	5	0	2	2	2	.222
Olivares dh	5	0	1	0	2	.246
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	1	.254
Waters cf	3	1	1	0	1	.195
Blanco lf	4	0	1	0	1	.250
TOTALS	**36**	**4**	**8**	**4**	**9**	

Cincinnati	**001**	**002**	**001**	**1**	**5**	**10**	**1**
Kansas City	**210**	**000**	**001**	**0**	**4**	**8**	**0**

a-sacrificed for Maile in the 9th. 1-ran for Stephenson in the 9th. 2-ran for Melendez in the 10th. **E:** Young (1). **LOB:** Cincinnati 6, Kansas City 10. **2B:** Maile (6), Friedl 2 (12), Benson (1), Massey 2 (6). HR: Fairchild (3), off Greinke; Perez (14), off Farmer. **RBIs:** Fairchild (20), Friedl (21), India 2 (34), Newman (21), Massey 2 (20), Pratto (18), Perez (37). SB: De La Cruz (4), Olivares (6), Witt Jr. (21), Eaton (3). CS: Blanco (1), Waters (1). SF: Newman, Pratto. S: Fairchild. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cincinnati 4 (McLain 2, Friedl, Stephenson); Kansas City 9 (Waters 2, Garcia 2, Olivares, Massey, Blanco 3). **RISP:** Cincinnati 2 for 8; Kansas City 1 for 14. **Runners moved up:** McLain 2, Waters, Witt Jr., Garcia. **LIDP:** Benson. **GIDP:** De La Cruz. **DP:** Kansas City 2 (Pratto; Witt Jr., Pratto).

CINCINNATI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Weaver	4⅔	5	3	3	4	3	6.23
Young	1⅓	1	0	0	0	2	2.70
Cruz	1	0	0	0	0	2	6.95
Legumina	⅓	1	0	0	1	1	4.22
Farmer, W, 2-3	1⅔	1	1	1	0	1	2.51
Karcher, S, 1-1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.00

KANSAS CITY	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Greinke	5	6	3	3	0	4	4.65
Cuas, BS, 0-1	1	1	0	0	1	1	4.50
Clarke	1	2	0	0	1	1	2.70
Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.70
Barlow	1	1	1	1	1	1	4.38
Hernandez, L, 0-4	1	0	1	0	0	0	4.86

Inherited runners-scored: Young 2-0, Farmer 2-0, Cuas 1-1. **WP:** Cuas. **Umpires:** Home, CB Bucknor; First, Ben May; Second, Jeff Nelson; Third, Tom Hanahan. T: 3:27. **A:** 20,500(38,427).

LATE MONDAY: SEATTLE 8, MIAMI 1

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Arraez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.391
Soler dh	2	0	0	0	1	.255
b-Hampson ph	1	0	0	0	0	.241
De La Cruz lf	4	0	0	0	2	.290
Cooper 1b	3	0	0	0	2	.234
Sanchez rf	2	0	0	0	0	.270
Segura 3b	3	0	0	0	0	.192
Berti ss	3	0	0	0	0	.258
Fortes c	3	1	1	1	1	.231
Davis cf	3	0	0	0	1	.265
TOTALS	**28**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**7**	

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Crawford ss	4	2	2	0	0	.253
Rodriguez cf	4	1	1	1	1	.245
France 1b	4	1	1	3	1	.283
Hernandez rf	4	1	2	1	1	.252
Suarez 3b	4	1	2	1	1	.218
Pollock dh	3	0	0	0	0	.168
a-Ford ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	.167
Moore lf	4	0	0	0	1	.000
Murphy c	4	2	2	1	0	.233
Caballero 2b	2	0	0	0	1	.239
TOTALS	**34**	**8**	**10**	**7**	**6**	

Miami	**000**	**010**	**000**	**1**	**1**	**2**
Seattle	**240**	**010**	**01x**	**8**	**10**	**1**

a-grounded out for Pollock in the 7th. b-lined out for Soler in the 9th. **E:** Luzardo (3), De La Cruz (3), Suarez (2). **LOB:** Miami 3, Seattle 6. **2B:** Crawford (13), Hernandez (8), Murphy (8). **HR:** Fortes (4), off Miller; France (6), off Luzardo; Suarez (7), off Brazoban; Murphy (2), off Hoeing. **RBIs:** Fortes (13), Hernandez (36), Rodriguez (37), France 3(31), Suarez (38), Murphy (4). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 1(Berti); Seattle 0. **RISP:** Miami 0for 2; Seattle 3for 8. **Runners moved up:** Segura. **GIDP:** Segura, Rodriguez. **DP:** Miami 1(Cooper, Berti); Seattle 1 (Caballero, France).

MIAMI	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Luzardo, L, 5-5	4	6	6	5	1	3	4.17
Brazoban	2	2	1	1	1	1	4.01
Hoeing	2	2	1	1	1	2	3.12

SEATTLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Miller, W, 4-3	6	1	1	1	3	6	4.06
Adcock	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Speier	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.28

HBP: Luzardo (Caballero). **Umpires:** Home, Jim Wolf; First, Mike Muchlinski; Second, Sean Barber; Third, Emil Jimenez. **Time:** 2:14. **A:** 23,463(47,929).

ON THIS DATE

JUNE 14

1952: Warren Spahn of the Boston Braves struck out 18 Cubs in a 3-1, 15-inning loss to Chicago. Spahn also homered.

1953: The Yankees swept Cleveland, 6-2 and 3-0, to extend the team's winning streak to eighteen consecutive games.

1963: Duke Snider hit his 400th career home run to highlight a 10-3 triumph by the New York Mets over the Cincinnati Reds at Crosley Field.

1965: Jim Maloney struck out 18 and no-hit the Mets for 10 innings, but Johnny Lewis' leadoff home run in the 11th inning gave the Mets a 1-0 win.

1969: Reggie Jackson knocked in 10 runs with two homers, a double and two singles in Oakland's 21-7 win over the Red Sox in Boston. In the eighth, he drove in three runs with a single when he easily could have made second base.

1974: Nolan Ryan struck out 19 batters in 12 innings to give the California Angels a 4-3 win over the Boston Red Sox in 15 innings. Cecil Cooper of the Red Sox struck out six times.

1995: Mike Benjamin went 6-for-7, setting a major league record with 14 hits in three games, and drove in the winning run in the 13th inning as the Giants beat the Cubs 4-3.

2002: Aaron Boone hit a pair of homers--one to tie the game in the ninth inning and one to win it in the 11th--off Pittsburgh closer Mike Williams as Cincinnati beat the Pirates 4-3.

2005: Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki became the third player since 1900 to reach 1,000 hits in fewer than 700 games when he singled in the bottom of the first inning in Seattle's 3-1 win over Philadelphia. Suzuki's 1,000th hit came in his 696th game. Chuck Klein reached the mark in 1933 in 683 games, and Lloyd Waner reached it in 1932 in 686 games.

2010: The game between the Blue Jays and the Padres in Petco Park is interrupted in the 8th inning by an earthquake that registers 5.9 on the Richter scale. However, as there is no damage, the game resumes after a very brief interruption, with Toronto winning, 6-3, behind two homers by John Buck and 3 RBI by Aaron Hill.

LATE MONDAY: L.A. ANGELS 9, TEXAS 6 (12)

LA Angels	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Ward lf-1b	5	3	2	0	1	.243
Ohtani dh	4	2	2	4	1	.291
Trout cf	3	2	1	1	0	.255
Rendon 3b	4	0	0	0	0	.267
1-Moniak pr-lf	1	0	0	0	0	.297
Thaiss c	3	0	2	0	0	.285
Urshela 3b	1	0	0	0	0	.302
Drury 2b-1b	5	0	0	0	2	.252
Wallach c	1	1	1	2	0	.273
Renfroe rf	6	0	0	0	1	.242
Walsh 1b	3	0	0	0	1	.115
a-Rengifo ph-2b	3	0	0	0	0	.217
Neto ss	5	1	2	0	1	.257
TOTALS	**44**	**9**	**10**	**7**	**7**	

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Semien 2b	7	0	0	0	2	.288
Seager ss	3	1	1	0	0	.348
Lowe 1b	6	0	0	0	4	.265
Garcia rf	5	0	1	0	2	.263
Jung 3b	5	3	2	1	1	.287
Heim c	5	1	2	0	0	.280
2-J.Smith pr	0	0	0	0	0	.211
Leon c	1	0	0	0	1	.146
Garver dh	6	0	1	1	1	.267
Duran lf	3	1	1	3	2	.310
Jankowski lf	2	0	1	0	1	.293
b-Grossman ph	1	0	0	0	0	.237
Taveras cf	5	0	3	0	0	.302
TOTALS	**49**	**6**	**12**	**5**	**14**	

L.A. Angels	**001**	**030**	**100**	**004**	**9**	**10**	**1**
Texas	**032**	**000**	**000**	**001**	**6**	**12**	**2**

a-popped out for Walsh in the 8th. b-flied out for Jankowski in the 12th. 1-ran for Rendon in the 10th. 2-ran for Heim in the 10th. **E:** Neto (3), Garcia (4), Seager (3). **LOB:** Los Angeles 11, Texas 16. **2B:** Ward (8), Neto 2(12), Taveras (11), Garver (3), Garcia (12). HR: Ohtani (19), off G.Anderson; Ohtani (20), off Ragans; Wallach (5), off Ragans; Duran (8), off T.Anderson. **RBIs:** Trout (37), Ohtani 4(50), Wallach 2(10), Duran 3 (28), Jung (40), Garver (10). SB: Taveras (6), Garcia (6), Trout (1). SF: Ohtani. **Runners left in scoring position:** Los Angeles 7(Drury 3, Rendon, Renfroe, Ward 2); Texas 11(Jung, Semien 5, Duran 2, Heim 3). **RISP:** Los Angeles 5 for 18; Texas 4for 21. **Runners moved up:** Ohtani, Rendon, Thaiss. **GIDP:** Drury, Rendon. **DP:** Texas 2(Semien, Lowe; Jung, Semien, Lowe).

LA ANGELS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
T.Anderson	6	8	5	5	2	7	5.80
Devenski	1	0	0	0	2	1	1.93
Webb	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.45
Estevez	1	1	0	0	1	2	1.53
Bachman, W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0.90
Loup	1	1	1	0	0	2	5.51

TEXAS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Dunning	5	6	4	4	5	3	2.91
G.Anderson, BS, 0-2	1⅔	1	1	1	2	0	3.68
Sborz	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1	3.42
W.Smith	2	0	0	0	0	2	2.52
Ragans, L, 2-3	1⅔	2	4	3	1	1	5.92
Rodriguez	⅓	0	0	0	0	0	3.38

Inherited runners-scored: Sborz 2-0. IBB: off Bachman (Seager). **WP:** Dunning, Ragans. **Umpires:** Home, Ramon De Jesus; First, Lance Barrett; Second, Doug Eddings; Third, Alfonso Marquez. T: 3:49. **A:** 26,667(40,000).

LATE MONDAY: ARIZONA 9, PHILADELPHIA 8

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Schwarber lf	4	1	1	0	1	.172
Turner ss	4	1	0	0	1	.245
Castellanos rf	4	1	2	0	1	.315
Harper dh	5	1	1	1	3	.295
Realmuto c	4	3	4	3	0	.256
Bohm 1b	5	1	2	2	0	.263
Harrison 2b-3b	4	0	2	1	0	.211
Sosa 3b	3	0	0	0	2	.250
a-Stott ph-2b	2	0	1	1	0	.294
Guthrie cf	3	0	0	0	0	.130
b-Clemens ph	1	0	0	0	1	.267
TOTALS	**39**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**9**	

Arizona	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
K.Marte 2b	5	3	3	0	0	.280
Rivera 3b	4	2	2	2	2	.361
Carroll lf	3	2	2	1	1	.313
C.Walker 1b	4	0	0	0	1	.248
Longoria dh	3	1	1	4	1	.226
Smith rf	3	0	1	2	0	.212
C.Kelly c	3	0	0	0	1	.000
Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	1	.284
McCarthy cf	4	1	3	0	0	.211
TOTALS	**33**	**9**	**12**	**9**	**7**	

Philadelphia	**014**	**000**	**201**	**8**	**13**	**0**
Arizona	**102**	**204**	**00x**	**9**	**12**	**0**

a-grounded out for Sosa in the 7th. b-struck out for Guthrie in the 9th. **LOB:** Philadelphia 10, Arizona 7. **2B:** Harrison (2), Bohm (10), Harper (10), Realmuto (17), K.Marte (12). 3B: Realmuto (4), McCarthy (2), Carroll (3). HR: Realmuto (6), off Henry; Longoria (9), off Vasquez. **RBIs:** Realmuto 3 (24), Bohm 2 (39), Harrison (8), Harper (13), Stott (24), Longoria 4 (19), Smith 2 (29), Rivera 2 (17), Carroll (34). SF: Longoria, Rivera. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 4 (Guthrie, Stott 2, Harper); Arizona 3 (K.Marte, Smith, C.Walker). **RISP:** Philadelphia 5 for 12; Arizona 3 for 10. **Runners moved up:** Turner, Bohm, C.Walker. **GIDP:** K.Marte. **DP:** Philadelphia 1 (Harrison, Stott, Bohm).

PHILADELPHIA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Strahm	2⅔	4	3	3	1	1	4.00
Y.Marte	1⅓	3	2	2	0	2	7.71
Covey, L, 1-2	1⅓	2	2	2	1	2	9.00
Vasquez	1⅔	3	2	2	1	0	1.78
Hoffman	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.77

ARIZONA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ERA
Henry	4⅔	9	5	5	1	6	4.86
Jameson, W, 3-1	2	1	2	2	2	1	4.13
Adams, H, 6	⅓	1	0	0	1	0	1.42
Chafin, H, 9	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.04
Castro, S, 7-9	1	2	1	1	0	1	3.95

Inherited runners-scored: Y.Marte 1-0, Vasquez 1-1, Jameson 1-0, Adams 2-1, Chafin 1-0. **HBP:** Strahm 2(Carroll,Carroll), Adams (Guthrie). **Umpires:** Home, Vic Carapazza; First, Jerry Layne; Second, Adam Hamari; Third, Nick Mahrley. T: 3:11. **A:** 18,432(48,359).

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

INTERLEAGUE			2023			2022 VS OPP			LAST 3 STARTS		
TM	**PITCHERS**	**TIME**	**W-L**	**ERA**	**REC**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**	**W-L**	**IP**	**ERA**
Atl	Smith-Shawver (R)	G1	0-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	5.1	0.00
Det	Lorenzen (R)	12:10p	2-3	3.75	5-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	20.1	3.10
Atl	TBD	G2	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Det	TBD	TBD	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00
Mil	Rea (R)		3-3	4.47	6-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.0	3.94
Min	Ober (R)	12:10p	3-3	2.61	5-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	2.76
Col	Gomber (L)		4-5	7.57	7-6	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-1	10.2	12.66
Bos	Whitlock (R)	6:10p	3-2	4.78	4-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	16.0	3.38
NYY	Cole (R)		7-1	2.84	11-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-1	18.0	4.00
NYM	Verlander (R)	6:10p	2-3	4.85	2-5	1-0	7.0	1.29	0-1	14.0	7.07
Cin	Lively (R)		3-4	4.21	2-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-2	19.1	5.59
KC	Lynch (L)	7:10p	0-2	4.41	1-2	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	16.1	4.41
Was	Gray (R)		4-5	3.00	6-7	0-1	6.0	9.00	0-0	14.1	4.40
Hou	Valdez (L)	7:10p	6-5	2.36	7-6	1-0	7.2	1.17	2-1	18.0	2.00
Cle	Civale (R)		2-1	2.31	2-2	0-0	4.2	1.93	1-1	16.1	3.31
SD	Wacha (R)	8:40p	6-2	3.18	8-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	17.2	2.04
Mia	Perez (R)		3-1	2.17	3-3	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	15.0	0.60
Sea	Castillo (R)	8:40p	4-4	2.70	6-7	1-0	7.0	3.86	1-2	19.0	1.89
ChW	Clevinger (R)		3-4	4.19	5-6	0-2	13.0	9.69	1-1	16.2	2.70
LAD	Kershaw (L)	9:10p	8-4	2.95	9-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	2-0	19.0	2.84
AMERICAN LEAGUE			**2023**			**2022 VS OPP**			**LAST 3 STARTS**		
Tor	Berrios (R)		6-4	3.61	8-5	3-0	25.0	2.88	2-0	17.2	1.53
Bal	Bradish (R)	6:05p	2-2	4.24	7-4	0-2	22.0	6.95	0-1	15.2	4.02
LAA	Detmers (L.)		1-5	4.79	4-7	0-1	4.0	6.75	1-2	15.2	4.60
Tex	Heaney (L.)	7:05p	4-4	4.14	7-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-1	15.0	4.20
TBR	Glasnow (R)		1-0	2.87	2-1	0-0	0.0	0.00	1-0	15.2	2.87
Oak	Medina (R)	8:40p	1-5	7.53	0-5	0-0	0.0	0.00	0-2	13.1	8.10
NATIONAL LEAGUE			**2023**			**2023 VS OPP**			**LAST 3 STARTS**		
SF	DeSclafani (R)		4-6	3.89	6-7	1-0	6.0	3.00	1-2	16.0	5.62
StL	Montgomery (L)	12:15p	3-7	3.88	3-10	0-1	6.0	0.00	1-1	16.2	1.62
Pit	Hill (L)		6-5	4.23	7-6	0-0	4.2	5.79	2-1	19.2	4.12
ChC	Smyly (L)	7:05p	5-4	3.26	7-6	1-2	14.1	4.40	0-3	16.1	5.51
Phi	Suarez (L)		1-2	4.70	4-2	0-0	5.0	9.00	1-1	19.2	1.83
Ari	Kelly (R)	8:40p	8-3	2.92	9-4	0-0	0.0	0.00	3-0	19.2	2.75

TEAM REC: Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
VS OPP: Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Baltimore 11, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 6
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 5
Colorado 7, Boston 6, 10innings
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 4
Houston 6, Washington 1
L.A. Angels at Texas, late
Cleveland at San Diego, late
Miami at Seattle, late
Tampa Bay at Oakland, late
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers,late

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Baltimore, 12:05p.m.
Tampa Bay at Oakland, 2:37p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 6:10p.m.
L.A. Angels at Texas, 7:05p.m.
Washington at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cleveland at San Diego, 7:40p.m.
Chi. White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 6, Atlanta 5(10)
Colorado 4, Boston 3(10)
L.A. Angels 9, Texas 6 (12)
Seattle 8, Miami 1
Oakland 4, Tampa Bay 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 6
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 5
Colorado 7, Boston 6, 10innings
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 4
Houston 6, Washington 1
San Francisco at St. Louis, late
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, late.
Cleveland at San Diego, late
Miami at Seattle, late
Philadelphia at Arizona, late
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers late
Atlanta at Detroit, ppd.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at Arizona, 2:40p.m.
Colorado at Atlanta, 6:20p.m.
Pittsburgh at Chi. Cubs, 7:05p.m.
Washington at Houston, 7:10p.m.
Cleveland at San Diego, 7:40p.m.
Chi. White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
Detroit 6, Atlanta 5(10)
Colorado 4, Boston 3(10)
San Francisco 4, St. Louis 3
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 4(10)
Seattle 8, Miami 1
Arizona 9, Philadelphia 8

AROUND THE HORN

■ **Athletics:** A stadium financing bill aimed at drawing the Athletics from Oakland, California, to Las Vegas cleared a major hurdle Tuesday after being approved by the Nevada Senate, but not before lawmakers amended the measure to strengthen its benefits for the community. The 13-8 Senate vote marks another step as the bill moves through the Democratic-controlled Legislature while reviving the national debate over public funding for private sports clubs. The bill, which has the support of Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo, must now be considered by the state Assembly. Senate approval came after days of closed-door negotiations and a contentious hearing about the bill, which calls for contributing $380 million in public funding for the proposed $1.5 billion stadium. Many lawmakers have criticized a lack of community benefits and the special session rush to consider the financing bill. But legislators several struck a more positive tone Tuesday, saying the amendments addressed much of their skepticism.

■ **Yankees:** Clay Holmes pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth and the Yankees stormed back from four runs down against Max Scherzer to beat the skidding Mets 7-6 in their wild Subway Series opener at Citi Field. Giancarlo Stanton and DJ LeMahieu homered off Scherzer, and pinch-hitter Josh Donaldson drove in the tiebreaking run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth after Brandon Nimmo misplayed a ball in center field. Before the seventh, reliever Drew Smith became the second Mets pitcher ejected this season for using an illegal foreign substance. Nimmo hit his eighth career leadoff HR and Jeff McNeil had a two-run single for the Mets, who have lost nine of 10. They opened a 5-1 lead in the third with the help of two second-inning balks by struggling Yankees starter Luis Severino, only to see Scherzer give up five runs and six hits in the fourth. The three-time Cy Young Award winner was booed by Mets fans in the sellout crowd of 43,707 who showed up to see the first meeting between the teams this season — missing injured sluggers Aaron Judge and Pete Alonso. Smith never even threw a pitch. As he entered the game, he was stopped by umpires in the infield for a routine check. Within moments, several umps and teammates were huddled around the right-hander, and Mets manager Buck Showalter joined the discussion. Smith was holding out his pitching hand pleading his case, but was ejected by first base ump Bill Miller, the crew chief. Smith likely faces a 10-game suspension, a significant blow to a thin and shaky Mets bullpen. Scherzer served a 10-game suspension after his April 19 ejection at Dodger Stadium for having a sticky foreign substance on his hand. He claimed it was simply a mix of sweat and rosin, nothing illegal.

■ **Braves:** Marcell Ozuna avoided a serious injury to his right wrist after being hit by a pitch Monday night. Ozuna was sent to a hospital for testing after leaving a loss to the Tigers when he was struck by a pitch.

SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Vegas 4, Florida 1
June 3: G1 at Vegas 5-2.
June 5: G2 at Vegas 7-2.
June 8: G3 at Florida 3-2 (OT).
June 10: G4 Vegas 3-2.
Tuesday: G5 at Vegas 9-3.

2023 PLAYOFF LEADERS

through Saturday; hockey-reference

TM	W	L	G	SOG	GA	SA
Vegas	15	6	79	630	54	670
Florida	13	7	59	627	60	717
Dallas	10	9	59	582	61	556
Carolina	8	7	46	540	38	433
Seattle	7	7	44	408	45	428
Edmonton	6	6	44	411	42	378
New Jersey	5	7	30	338	41	351
Toronto	5	6	33	358	35	350
Boston	3	4	27	249	26	226
Colorado	3	4	19	233	18	210
NY Rangers	3	4	17	195	17	206
Los Angeles	2	4	20	201	25	212
Minnesota	2	4	14	184	21	190
NY Isaldners	2	4	15	174	16	210
Tampa Bay	2	4	21	196	23	184
Winnipeg	1	4	14	154	19	159

SHOTS VS.	TM	SV%	GAA	S
Sergei Bobrovsky	FLA	.924	2.50	608
Jake Oettinger	DAL	.895	3.06	525
Adin Hill	VEG	.934	2.11	453
Philipp Grubauer	SEA	.903	2.99	422
Stuart Skinner	EDM	.883	3.68	325
Ilya Samsonov	TOR	.898	3.13	255
Frederik Andersen	CAR	.927	1.83	245
Akira Schmid	NJD	.921	2.35	229
Laurent Brossoit	VEG	.894	3.18	216
Alexandar Georgiev	COL	.914	2.60	210
Ilya Sorokin	NYI	.924	2.60	210
Joonas Korpisalo	LAK	.892	3.77	203

WNBA

EAST	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	8	2	.800	—
New York	6	3	.667	1½
Washington	5	4	.556	2½
Chicago	5	5	.500	3
Atlanta	3	5	.376	4
Indiana	3	6	.333	4½
WEST	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Las Vegas	8	1	.889	—
Dallas	5	4	.556	3
Los Angeles	4	4	.500	3½
Phoenix	2	5	.286	5
Minnesota	2	7	.222	6
Seattle	1	6	.143	6

TUESDAY'S RESULTS
Indiana 87, Washington 66
Atlanta 96. New York 79
Seattle at Phoenix, late

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Los Angeles at Dallas, noon

THURSDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Connecticut, 6p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7p.m.
Seattle at Las Vegas, 9p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAMES
Phoenix at Washington, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9p.m.

MONDAY'S RESULTS
No games scheduled.

WNBA SEASON LEADERS

through Monday; basketball-reference

FIELD GOAL PCT.	TM	FG	FGA	FG%
Arike Ogunbowale	DAL	71	189	.376
Breanna Stewart	NYL	70	128	.547
A'ja Wilson	LVA	67	120	.558
Kahleah Copper	CHI	66	158	.418
Satou Sabally	DAL	63	143	.441
Jackie Young	LVA	63	107	.589
Napheesa Collier	MIN	61	132	.462
DeWanna Bonner	CON	59	143	.413
Brittney Griner	PHO	57	88	.648

3-POINTERS	TM	3P	3PA	3P%
Sabrina Ionescu	NYL	27	63	.429
Arike Ogunbowale	DAL	24	81	.296
Lexie Brown	LAS	20	47	.426
Kelsey Mitchell	IND	20	51	.392
Breanna Stewart	NYL	20	45	.444
Jewell Loyd	SEA	19	52	.365
DeWanna Bonner	CON	18	58	.310
Satou Sabally	DAL	18	56	.321
Rhyne Howard	ATL	17	51	.333

2-POINTERS	TM	2P	2PA	2P%
A'ja Wilson	LVA	67	114	.588
Brittney Griner	PHO	56	84	.667
Brionna Jones	CON	55	99	.556
Nneka Ogwumike	LAS	51	84	.607
Napheesa Collier	MIN	50	101	.495
Kahleah Copper	CHI	50	120	.417
Breanna Stewart	NYL	50	83	.602

FREE THROWS	TM	FT	FTA	FT%
Napheesa Collier	MIN	49	56	.875
Satou Sabally	DAL	47	51	.922
A'ja Wilson	LVA	47	60	.783
Alyssa Thomas	CON	45	62	.726
Brittney Griner	PHO	44	53	.830
Breanna Stewart	NYL	39	46	.848
Arike Ogunbowale	DAL	38	43	.884
Nneka Ogwumike	LAS	38	43	.884
DeWanna Bonner	CON	37	47	.787
Jewell Loyd	SEA	37	43	.860

USFL FOOTBALL

NORTH	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	5	0	.444	200	235
New Jersey	3	6	0	.333	181	186
Pittsburgh	3	6	0	.333	151	172
Michigan	3	6	0	.333	148	195
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PCT**	**PF**	**PA**
Birmingham	7	2	0	.778	260	176
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	220	174
Houston	5	4	0	.556	213	219
Memphis	5	4	0	.556	170	186

WEEK 10
SATURDAY'S GAMES
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, (Canton) noon
Birmingham at Memphis, 3p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 18
New Orleans vs. Houston (Memphis), 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Michigan, 6p.m.

PLAYOFF SEMIFINALS
Saturday, June 24, 7p.m.
Sunday, June 25, 6p.m.

ODDS

MLB **WEDNESDAY**

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
American League			
Toronto	-116	at Baltimore	-102
at Texas	-134	LA Angels	+114
Tampa Bay	-295	at Oakland	+240
National League			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at St. Louis	-134	San Francisco	+116
at Chi. Cubs	off	Pittsburgh	off
at Arizona	-126	Philadelphia	+108
Interleague			
FAVORITE	**LINE**	**UNDERDOG**	**LINE**
at Minnesota	-150	Milwaukee	+130
Atlanta	-164	at Detroit	+138
at Boston	-225	Colorado	+188
NY Yankees	-112	at NY Mets	-104
Cincinnati	-110	at Kansas City	-106
at Houston	-270	Washington	+220
at San Diego	-148	Cleveland	+126
at Seattle	-188	Miami	+158
at LA Dodgers	-275	Chi. White Sox	+225

NBA
2023-24NBA Finals Champion

Denver	9-4	Boston	5-1
Milwaukee	13-2	Phoenix	9-1
LA Lakers	11-1	Dallas	12-1
Golden State	12-1	LA Clippers	14-1
Philadelphia	14-1	Memphis	18-1
Cleveland	22-1	Miami	22-1
New Orleans	30-1	Sacramento	30-1
New York	40-1	Atlanta	50-1
Minnesota	50-1	Okla. City	65-1
Toronto	70-1	Brooklyn	80-1
Chicago	80-1	Portland	80-1
Indiana	100-1	San Antonio	100-1
Houston	150-1	Utah	150-1
Charlotte	200-1	Detroit	200-1
Orlando	200-1	Washington	200-1

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NBA PLAYOFFS

NBA FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

#1 Denver 4, #8 Miami 1
June 1: G1 in Denver 104-93.
June 4: G2, Miami 111-108.
June 7: G3 Denver 109-94.
June 9: G4 Denver 108-95.
June 12: G5 in Denver 94-89.

LATE MONDAY/GAME 5
DENVER 94, MIAMI 89

		FG	FT	REB			
MIAMI	**Min**	**M-A**	**M-A**	**O-T**	**A**	**PF**	**PTS**
Butler	41:18	5-18	9-11	1-3	5	2	21
Love	14:10	1-4	0-0	0-2	0	1	3
Adebayo	44:08	9-20	2-2	5-12	1	2	20
Strus	31:36	5-12	1-1	1-8	1	3	12
Vincent	21:42	3-13	0-0	0-0	3	2	6
Lowry	34:20	4-13	0-0	2-9	4	5	12
Martin	32:01	4-9	2-2	1-5	1	4	10
Robinson	16:48	2-6	0-0	0-3	3	1	5
Highsmith	2:54	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	1	0
Zeller	1:01	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	0	0
Totals	**240:00**	**33-96**	**14-16**	**11-44**	**18**	**21**	**89**

Percentages: FG .344, FT .875
3-Point Goals: 9-35, .257 (Lowry 4-9, Butler 2-5, Robinson 1-3, Love 1-4, Strus 1-6, Martin 0-4, Vincent 0-4)
Team Rebounds: 6. Team Turnovers: 0.
Blocked Shots: 7 (Love 2, Robinson 2, Lowry, Martin, Strus)
Turnovers: 8 (Martin 2, Robinson 2, Adebayo, Butler, Lowry, Strus)
Steals: 9 (Butler 3, Lowry 2, Adebayo, Love, Martin, Vincent)
Points in the paints: 44.
Fast break points: 12.

		FG	FT	REB			
DENVER	**Min**	**M-A**	**M-A**	**O-T**	**A**	**PF**	**PTS**
Gordon	28:39	1-6	2-4	2-7	1	4	4
Porter Jr.	33:36	7-17	1-2	2-13	3	0	16
Jokic	42:18	12-16	3-5	1-16	4	3	28
Caldwell-Pope	34:00	4-10	2-2	1-4	2	1	11
Murray	41:15	6-15	0-0	0-8	8	2	14
Brown	28:09	4-14	2-4	4-6	1	1	10
Braun	24:17	2-4	3-6	1-3	1	0	7
Green	4:44	2-2	0-0	0-0	1	2	4
Jordan	3:01	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	**240:00**	**38-84**	**13-23**	**11-57**	**21**	**13**	**94**

Percentages: FG .452, FT .565
3-Point Goals: 5-28, .179 (Murray 2-7, Jokic 1-3, Caldwell-Pope 1-5, Porter Jr. 1-6, Gordon 0-2, Brown 0-5)
Team Rebounds: 14. Team Turnovers: 1
Blocked Shots: 7 (Caldwell-Pope 3, Braun, Gordon, Jokic, Jordan)
Turnovers: 14 (Murray 6, Jokic 4, Brown, Caldwell-Pope, Gordon, Porter Jr.)
Steals: 6 (Caldwell-Pope 2, Gordon 2, Brown, Murray).
Points in the paint: 60.
Fast break points: 19.

Miami	24	27	20	18	—	89
Denver	22	22	26	24	—	94

Attendance: 19,537 (19,520)

FINALS SERIES STATISTICS

DENVER	G	RB	A	PT	PPG
Nikola Jokic	5	70	36	151	30.2
Jamal Murray	5	31	50	107	21.4
Aaron Gordon	5	37	15	70	14.0
Bruce Brown	5	22	5	57	11.4
Michael Porter Jr.	5	42	4	48	9.6
Kentavious Caldwell-Pope	5	17	7	37	7.4
Christian Braun	5	10	6	29	5.8
Jeff Green	5	2	3	24	4.8
Thomas Bryant	1	0	0	0	0.0
Vlatko Cancar	1	0	0	0	0.0
Reggie Jackson	1	1	1	0	0.0
DeAndre Jordan	1	0	0	0	0.0
Zeke Nnaji	1	0	0	0	0.0
Peyton Watson	1	0	0	0	0.0
Team	**5**	**232**	**127**	**523**	**104.6**

NUGGETS	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Jokic	56	96	8	19	31	37
Murray	41	91	12	31	13	14
Gordon	29	48	5	9	7	15
Brown	21	46	7	19	8	11
Porter Jr.	19	58	4	28	6	8
Caldwell-Pope	11	31	5	19	10	13
Braun	12	17	0	1	5	9
J.Green	8	9	2	2	6	6
Bryant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cancar	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Jackson	0	1	0	1	0	0
Jordan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nnaji	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Team	**197**	**397**	**43**	**129**	**86**	**113**

MIAMI	G	RB	A	PT	PPG
Bam Adebayo	5	62	16	109	21.8
Jimmy Butler	5	23	32	108	21.6
Gabe Vincent	5	2	12	57	11.4
Kyle Lowry	5	20	24	54	10.8
Duncan Robinson	5	6	8	39	7.8
Caleb Martin	5	22	6	37	7.4
Max Strus	5	24	15	29	5.8
Kevin Love	4	18	1	27	6.8
Haywood Highsmith	5	4	0	18	3.6
Cody Zeller	5	5	1	4	0.8
Udonis Haslem	1	0	0	0	0.0
Nikola Jovic	2	1	0	0	0.0
Omer Yurtseven	2	1	0	0	0.0
Team	**5**	**188**	**115**	**482**	**96.4**

HEAT	FG	FGA	3P	3PA	FT	FTA
Adebayo	45	99	0	1	19	21
Butler	38	92	7	19	25	31
Vincent	21	55	10	30	5	6
Lowry	17	40	11	26	9	9
Robinson	15	30	9	21	0	1
Martin	15	40	5	15	2	2
Strus	10	43	6	32	3	4
Love	9	24	8	20	1	1
Highsmith	7	10	2	4	2	2
Zeller	2	4	0	0	0	0
Haslem	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jovic	0	1	0	0	0	0
Yurtseven	0	1	0	1	0	0
Team	**179**	**440**	**58**	**169**	**66**	**77**

GAME 1

Miami	20	22	21	30	—	93
Denver	29	30	25	20	—	104

Attendance: 19,528(19,520).

GAME 2

Miami	26	25	24	36	—	111
Denver	23	34	26	25	—	108

Attendance: 19,537 (19,520).

GAME 3

Denver	24	29	29	27	—	109
Miami	24	24	20	26	—	94

Attendance: 20,019(19,600).

GAME 4

Denver	20	35	31	22	—	108
Miami	21	30	22	22	—	95

Attendance: 20,184 (19,600).

GAME 5

Miami	24	27	20	18	—	89
Denver	22	22	26	24	—	94

Attendance: 19,537 (19,520).

CUMULATIVE SCORING

Miami	115	128	107	132	—	482
Denver	118	150	137	118	—	523

Points in the paint: Den 264, Mia 196.
Fast break points: Denver 69, Miami 46.

NBA CHAMPIONS BY TEAM

Team	W	L	App	Pct
Los Angeles Lakers	17	15	32	.531
Boston Celtics	17	5	22	.773
Golden State	7	5	12	.583
Chicago Bulls	6	0	6	1.000
San Antonio Spurs	5	1	6	.833
Philadelphia 76ers	3	6	9	.333
Detroit Pistons	3	4	7	.429
Miami Heat	3	4	7	.429
New York Knicks	2	6	8	.250
Houston Rockets	2	2	4	.500
Milwaukee Bucks	2	1	3	.667
Cleveland Cavaliers	1	4	5	.200
Atlanta Hawks	1	3	4	.250
Washi. Wiz/Bullets	1	3	4	.250
Okla. City/Seattle	1	3	4	.250
Portland	1	2	3	.333
Dallas Mavericks	1	1	2	.500
Baltimore Bullets-f	1	0	1	1.000
Sacramento Kings	1	0	1	1.000
Toronto Raptors	1	0	1	1.000
Denver Nuggets	1	0	1	1.000
Phoenix Suns	0	3	3	.000
Utah/New Orleans	0	2	2	.000
Brooklyn/New Jersey	0	2	2	.000
Orlando Magic	0	2	2	.000
Chi. Stags-f	0	1	1	.000
Wash. Capitols-f	0	1	1	.000
Indiana Pacers	0	1	1	.000
Charlotte Hornets	—	—	—	—
L.A. Clippers	—	—	—	—
Memphis/Vancouver	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	—	—	—	—
New Orleans Pelicans	—	—	—	—

TENNIS

ATP BOSS OPEN

Tuesday at Tennis Club Weissenhof, Stuttgart, Germany, outdoors, grass
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#5Tommy Paul d. Benjamin Bonzi, 6-3, 6-4.
Yibing Wu d. #8Nick Kyrgios, 7-5, 6-3.
Gregoire Barrere d. Oscar Otte, 6-4, 6-3.
Christopher O'Connell d. Daniel Altmaier, 6-3, 6-1.
Aslan Karatsev d. Corentin Moutet, 7-6(0), 6-7(8), 7-5.
Jan-Lennard Struff d. Zhang Zhizhen, 6-1, 6-4.
Marton Fucsovics d. Denis Shapovalov, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

ATP/WTA LIBEMA OPEN

Tuesday at Autotron Rosmalen, Den Bosch, Netherlands, outdoors, grass
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#6Tallon Griekspoor d. Mikael Ymer, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Alexander Bublik d. David Goffin, 7-5, 7-5.
Jordan Thompson d. Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, 6-4, 7-6(3).
Emil Ruusuvuori d. Brandon Nakashima, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Alexei Popyrin d. Arthur Rinderknech, 6-3, 7-6(6).
Mackenzie McDonald d. Ilya Ivashka, 6-4, 6-3.
Adrian Mannarino d. Arthur Fils, 7-6(1), 6-4.
Laslo Djere d. Ricardas Berankis, 6-4, 6-2.
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
#4Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Evgeniya Rodina, 6-3, 6-4.
#6 Bianca Andreescu d. Zeynep Sonmeze, 6-4, 6-4.
#7Aliaksandra Sasnovich d. Lucrezia Stefanini, 6-0, 6-3.
#8Catherine McNally d. Katie Volynets, 6-2, 6-1.
Polina Kudermetova d. Yuan Yue, 6-4, 6-3.
Viktoria Hruncakova d. Susan Bandecchi, 6-4, 6-2.
Ashlyn Krueger d. Rebecca Peterson, 6-1, 6-2.
Kimberly Birrell d. Lesley Pattinama Kerkhove, 6-1, 6-4.
Celine Naef, d. Venus Williams, 3-6, 7-6(3), 6-2.
Sachia Vickery d. Priscilla Hon, 6-3, 6-0.

WTA ROTHESAY NOTTINGHAM OPEN

Tuesday at Nottingham Tennis Centre, Nottingham, Great Britain, outdoors, grass
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Daria Snigur d. #2 Beatriz Haddad Maia, 6-4, 6-3.
#3Magda Linette d. Olivia Gadecki, 6-4, 6-4.
#5Anhelina Kalinina d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, 7-5, 6-3.
#7Camila Giorgi d. Madison Brengle, 7-6(5), 6-2.
Harriet Dart d. Rebecca Marino, 6-4, 6-2.
Elizabeth Mandlik d. Viktoriya Tomova, 6-2, 3-6, 7-6(5).
Jodie Anna Burrage d. Tereza Martincova, 7-6(5), 3-6, 7-6(4).
Viktorija Golubic, d. Jil Teichmann, 6-4, 6-3.
Katie Boulter d. Emily Appleton, 6-1, 6-3.
Alize Cornet d. Katie Swan, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

WTA INTERNACIONAL DE VALENCIA

Tuesday at Club de Tenis Sporting Club de Tenis Valencia, Valencia, Spain, outdoors, red clay
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 32
Jessica Bouzas Maneiro d. #2Julia Grabher, 6-3, 2-1, retired.
#6Panna Udvardy d. Aliona Bolsova, 6-3, 6-2.
#7Caroline Dolehide d. Elsa Jacquemot, 6-2, 6-2.
#8Nadia Podoroska d. Angela Fita Boluda, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
Mirjam Bjorklund d. #9Anna Bondar, 6-3, 6-7(3), 6-3.
Maria Carle d. Sinja Kraus, 6-4, 6-2.
Clara Tauson d. Jaqueline Adina Cristian, 6-4, 7-5.
Guiomar Maristany Zuleta de Reales d. Alena Fomina, 6-3, 7-5.
Marina Bassols Ribera d. Charo Esquiva Banuls, 6-2, 6-2.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Cincinnati	12	1	4	40	27	16
Nashville	9	3	5	32	25	12
Philadelphia	9	5	3	30	28	17
New England	8	3	6	30	28	21
Atlanta	7	4	7	28	35	29
Columbus	8	6	3	27	35	25
Orlando City	7	4	5	26	22	17
D.C. United	6	7	5	23	25	24
CF Montréal	7	9	1	22	19	27
Charlotte FC	6	8	4	22	25	33
N.Y. Red Bulls	4	6	7	19	11	16
Toronto FC	3	5	10	19	17	21
New York City FC	4	7	6	18	17	22
Chicago	3	6	8	17	22	27
Inter Miami CF	5	12	0	15	16	24
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PT**	**GF**	**GA**
Saint Louis City SC	9	5	2	29	33	17
Seattle	8	6	4	28	24	17
Los Angeles FC	7	2	5	26	23	14
FC Dallas	7	6	5	26	21	19
San Jose	7	5	5	26	21	20
Vancouver	5	5	7	22	27	21
Houston	6	7	3	21	19	21
Portland	5	7	5	20	20	24
Sporting KC	5	8	5	20	20	25
Minnesota United	5	7	5	20	15	22
Real Salt Lake	5	7	5	20	18	27
Austin FC	5	8	4	19	18	27
LA Galaxy	3	9	4	13	14	27
Colorado	2	9	7	13	14	27

Three points for win, one point for tie.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCH
Houston at Los Angeles FC, 9:30p.m.
SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Columbus at N.Y. City FC, 2:30p.m.
Real Salt Lake at D.C. United, 6:30p.m.
Orlando City at New England, 6:30p.m.
Los Angeles FC at Sporting KC, 7:30p.m.
St. Louis City SC at Nashville, 7:30p.m.
Portland at San Jose, 9:30p.m.

NWSL

CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
San Diego	6	3	2	20	17	11
Washington	5	1	5	20	15	10
Portland	5	2	4	19	26	14
OL Reign	6	4	1	19	19	14
Gotham FC	5	3	3	18	13	10
North Carolina	5	4	2	17	15	11
Houston	4	3	4	16	10	10
Orlando	4	6	1	13	10	16
Louisville	2	3	6	12	13	12
Chicago	3	7	1	10	14	28
Angel City	2	6	3	9	14	21
Kansas City	3	8	0	9	11	20

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES
Angel City at San Diego, 3p.m.
Orlando at North Carolina, 6p.m.
OL Reign at Houston, 7:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
Gotham FC at Louisville, 3p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 5p.m.
Washington at Kansas City, 6p.m.

NWSL CHALLENGE CUP

EAST	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Gotham FC	2	1	1	0	2	1	4
Washington	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
North Carolina	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Orlando	2	0	1	1	3	5	1

Wednesday's match
North Carolina at Washington, 6:30p.m.

CENTRAL	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Louisville	2	2	0	0	5	2	6
Kansas City	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Houston	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Chicago	2	0	0	2	0	4	0

Wednesday's matches
Chicago at Kansas City, 7p.m.
Houston at Louisville, 7p.m.

WEST	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
OL Reign	3	2	1	0	5	0	7
Portland	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
San Diego	2	1	0	1	1	3	3
Angel City	3	0	1	2	2	5	1

Wednesday, June 28
San Diego at Angel City, 9p.m.
OL Reign at Portland, 9:30p.m.

GOLF

132ND U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The field for the 123nd U.S. Open on June 15-18 at Los Angeles Country Club. Players listed only in the first category for which they are elegible (a-amateur).
U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONS (10-year exemption): Matt Fitzpatrick, Jon Rahm, Bryson DeChambeau, Gary Woodland, Brooks Koepka, Dustin Johnson, Jordan Spieth, Martin Kaymer, Justin Rose.
TOP 10 AND TIES FROM 2022 U.S. OPEN: Scottie Scheffler, Hideki Matsuyama, Collin Morikawa, Rory McIlroy, Denny McCarthy, Adam Hadwin, Keegan Bradley, Joel Dahmen.
U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPion: Padraig Harrington.
U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPION AND RUNNER-UP: Sam Bennett, a-Ben Carr.
U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Wenyi Ding.
U.S. MID-AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Matthew McClean.
PGA CHAMPIONS (5-year exemption): Justin Thomas, Phil Mickelson.
BRITISH OPEN CHAMPIONS (5-year exemption): Cameron Smith, Shane Lowry, Francesco Molinari.
2022 TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD: Sungjae Im, Xander Schauffele, Max Homa, Sepp Straka, Patrick Cantlay, Tony Finau, Tom Hoge, Joaquin Niemann, Aaron Wise, Viktor Hovland, J.T. Poston, Cameron Young, Brian Harman, Billy Horschel, Sam Burns, Adam Scott, Corey Conners, K.H. Lee, Sahith Theegala, Scott Stallings.
MULTIPLE WINNERS OF FULL PGA TOUR EVENTS SINCE 2021 U.S. OPEN: Tom Kim.
TOP 5 NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT IN THE FEDEX CUP THROUGH THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: Nick Taylor, Mackenzie Hughes, Taylor Montgomery, Hayden Buckley, Andrew Putnam.
KORN FERRY TOUR POINTS LEADER FROM 2022: Justin Suh.
TOP 2 PLAYERS NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM 2022 RACE TO DUBAI AS OF MAY 22, 2023: Jordan Smith, Thriston Lawrence.
LEADING PLAYER NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT FROM RACE TO DUBAI THROUGH THE PGA CHAMPIONSHIP: Min Woo Lee.
TOP 2 PLAYERS FROM THE EUROPEAN TOUR U.S. OPEN QUALIFYING SERIES NOT OTHERWISE EXEMPT: Romain Langasque, Simon Forsstrom.
BRITISH AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Aldrich Potgieter
LATIN AMERICA AMATEUR CHAMPION: a-Mateo Fernandez de Oliveira.
TOP 60 IN THE WORLD RANKING ON MAY 22: Tyrrell Hatton, Kurt Kitayama, Jason Day, Tommy Fleetwood, Russell Henley, Wyndham Clark, Chris Kirk, Si Woo Kim, Harris English, Ryan Fox, Seamus Power, Patrick Reed, Taylor Moore, Abraham Ancer, Adrian Meronk, Lucas Herbert, Cam Davis, Mito Pereira, Matt Kuchar, Rickie Fowler, Thomas Pieters, Keith Mitchell, Adam Svensson, Victor Perez, Alex Noren.
TOP 60 IN THE WORLD RANKING ON JUNE 12: Emiliano Grillo, Pablo Larrazabal, Adam Schenk.
FINAL QUALIFYING-JAPAN: Gunn Charoenkul, Ryutaro Nagano, Ryo Ishikawa.
FINAL QUALIFYING-ENGLAND: Deon Germishuys, David Horsey, Wilco Nienaber, Ross Fisher, Matthieu Pavon, Jens Dantorp, Alejandro Del Rey.
FINAL QUALIFYING-AMERICA: Carson Young, Austin Eckroat, Brent Grant, Paul Haley, Sergio Garcia, Roger Sloan, Hank Lebioda, Ryan Gerard, Vincent Norrman, Ryan Armour, a-Karl Vilips, a-Michael Brennan, Sebastian Munoz, Carlos Ortiz, a-Gordon Sargent, a-Michael Thorbjornsen, Berry Henson, Davis Thompson, Eric Cole, Stewart Cink, Nico Echavarria, Luke List, Patrick Rodgers, Kevin Streelman, a-Nick Dunlap, Yuto Katsuragawa, Paul Barjon, McClure Meissner, Sam Stevens, Taylor Pendrith, Nick Hardy, Dylan Wu, a-Barclay Brown, Charley Hoffman, a-Preston Summerhays, Michael Kim, a-Maxwell Moldovan.
LOCAL (18 holes) AND FINAL QUALIFYING: Jordan Gumberg, Jacob Solomon, a-Isaac Simmons, Austen Truslow, a-Brendan Valdes, Kyle Mueller, JJ Grey, a-Christian Cavaliere, Andrew Svoboda, Corey Pereira, a-David Nyfall, Olin Browne Jr., Patrick Cover, Frankie Capan, Alex Schaake, Jesse Schutte, a-Alexander Yang, a-Omar Morales, David Puig, a-Batien Amat.

ELIGIBLE BUT WITHDRAWN: Tiger Woods, Will Zalatoris.

TOUR MONEY LEADERS

PGA TOUR	MONEY	W
1. Scottie Scheffler	$16,293,295	2
2. Jon Rahm	$14,775,965	4
3. Viktor Hovland	$9,426,434	1
4. Max Homa	$8,573,087	2
5. Tyrrell Hatton	$7,582,427	0
6. Rory McIlroy	$6,834,758	1
7. Xander Schauffele	$6,739,597	0
8. Patrick Cantlay	$6,622,875	0
9. Kurt Kitayama	$6,499,612	1
10. Wyndham Clark	$6,492,979	1
11. Sam Burns	$6,423,399	1
12. Jordan Spieth	$6,412,258	0
13. Matt Fitzpatrick	$5,949,318	1
14. Nick Taylor	$5,677,835	1
15. Jason Day	$5,652,533	1
16. Tony Finau	$5,303,001	2
17. Keegan Bradley	$4,977,110	1
18. Denny McCarthy	$4,859,624	0
19. Si Woo Kim	$4,804,201	1
20. Sahith Theegala	$4,750,098	0
21. Rickie Fowler	$4,738,597	0
22. Sungjae Im	$4,714,088	0
23. Harris English	$4,370,942	0
24. Collin Morikawa	$4,361,238	0
25. Justin Rose	$4,173,120	1
26. Cameron Young	$4,116,168	0
27. Tom Hoge	$3,984,135	0
28. Tommy Fleetwood	$3,861,567	0
29. Emiliano Grillo	$3,800,102	0
30. Corey Conners	$3,782,414	1
31. Taylor Moore	$3,691,927	1
32. Russell Henley	$3,686,006	1
33. Tom Kim	$3,631,608	1
34. Seamus Power	$3,541,407	1
35. Adam Schenk	$3,509,665	0
36. Adam Svensson	$3,425,143	1
37. Chris Kirk	$3,385,096	1
38. Andrew Putnam	$3,245,098	0
39. Brian Harman	$3,025,291	0
40. Mackenzie Hughes	$2,955,774	1

LPGATOUR	EV	MONEY
1. Lilia Vu	8	$1,130,901
2. Jin Young Ko	8	$1,012,828
3. Nelly Korda	8	$823,074
4. Ashleigh Buhai	10	$740,919
5. Ayaka Furue	11	$710,363
6. Angel Yin	7	$656,423
7. Georgia Hall	10	$622,656
8. Atthaya Thitikul	9	$617,326
9. Celine Boutier	10	$570,338
10. Hae Ran Ryu	9	$526,920
11. Ruoning Yin	7	$508,768
12. Hannah Green	7	$497,745
13. Aditi Ashok	8	$484,039
14. Hyo Joo Kim	7	$479,236
15. Rose Zhang	1	$412,500
16. Nasa Hataoka	9	$380,574
17. Grace Kim	7	$374,399
18. Brooke M. Henderson	10	$372,675
19. Minjee Lee	6	$371,437
20. Xiyu Lin	7	$368,687
21. Jennifer Kupcho	10	$363,094
22. Maja Stark	9	$354,096
23. Cheyenne Knight	9	$350,495
24. Allisen Corpuz	10	$340,508
25. Leona Maguire	9	$339,666
26. Albane Valenzuela	8	$332,488
27. Pajaree Anannarukarn	10	$330,385
28. Charley Hull	7	$290,396
29. Danielle Kang	8	$289,370
30. Amy Yang	8	$270,272
31. A Lim Kim	8	$266,897
32. Carlota Ciganda	9	$266,880
33. Eun-Hee Ji	9	$240,775
34. Hye-Jin Choi	8	$238,232
35. Narin An	9	$225,256
36. Yuka Saso	9	$223,345
37. Yu Liu	10	$213,388
38. Anna Nordqvist	8	$203,884
39. Megan Khang	8	$198,649
40. Nanna Koerstz Madsen	11	$190,666

Mark Stone celebrates with the Stanley Cup after the Golden Knights' series-clinching win Tuesday in Las Vegas. Stone had a hat trick in the 9-3 victory. **ABBIE PARR/AP**

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Knights roll, claim 1st Cup

By Mark Anderson
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The Golden Knights delivered their city a true Vegas-style party from dazzling passes to Mark Stone's hat trick to all-out goal celebrations, capturing the young organization's first Stanley Cup with a 9-3 romp over the beaten up and exhausted Panthers on Tuesday night.

Coach Bruce Cassidy, in a nod to the Knights' brief history, started five of the franchise's original players known as the Misfits and put the sixth on the second shift. Cassidy sounded confident the day before the game that his team would play well, and it certainly did, blowing open a one-goal game in the second period to lead 6-1.

The Knights closed out the series in five games to win the Cup before a delirious franchise-record crowd of 19,058 at T-Mobile Arena that drowned out the pregame introductions of forward Jonathan Marchessault and goalie Adin Hill and cheered through the final buzzer.

Stone's hat trick — with the third into an empty net with 5:54 left — was the first in a Cup final since the Avalanche's Peter Forsberg in 1996, also against the Panthers.

The Knights got the rest of their scoring from Nic Hague, Alec Martinez, Reilly Smith, Michael Amadio, Ivan Barbashev and Nicolas Roy. Martinez's goal in the second period came nine years to the day after he delivered the double-overtime goal in Game 5 to give the Kings' the Cup.

Hill came through with another strong performance that has quickly made him a Knights fan favorite, even earning "MVP! MVP!" chants in the third period. Jack Eichel, the eight-year pro playing in his first postseason, had three assists.

Aaron Ekblad, Sam Reinhart and Sam Bennett scored for the Panthers, and Sergei Bobrovsky was overwhelmed in another tough performance against the Knights after carrying his team to the final. Missing from the lineup was Matthew Tkachuk, the king of game-winning shots during the playoffs who never the same after crushing blow to his shoulder by the Knights' Keegan Kolesar in Game 3.

The Knights have set the standard of what an expansion franchise should look like, making the Cup final in their first season and the playoffs in every year but one. Six players remain from the initial 2017-18 team that lost in five games to the Capitals in the final.

Those players watched the Caps skate with the Stanley Cup that night, and then they got the chance to do the same Tuesday to fulfill owner Bill Foley's quest to win the championship in the sixth year.

This is Las Vegas' second pro title in nine months – the Aces claimed the WNBA title in September – and continues the stunning growth of a sports market that was limited largely to prize fights, UNLV athletics, NASCAR and lots of golf before the Knights took the city by storm. The Raiders began playing here in 2020, the A's appear headed to the desert, Vegas will host a Formula One race and the Super Bowl will be at Allegiant Stadium in February.

IN BRIEF

Sprinter Bowie died of childbirth complications

News services

U.S. Olympic champion sprinter Tori Bowie died from complications of childbirth, according to an autopsy report.

Bowie, who won three medals at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games, was found dead last month. She was 32.

The report from the office of the medical examiner in Orlando, Florida, said Bowie was estimated to be eight months pregnant and showing signs of undergoing labor when she was discovered dead on May 2. It said she was found in bed in a "secured residence" with possible complications including respiratory distress and eclampsia.

The autopsy report said "the manner of death is natural."

The toxicology results were negative, and the autopsy report listed bipolar disorder in her medical history.

Black women have the highest maternal mortality rate in the United States — 69.9 per 100,000 live births for 2021, almost three times the rate for white women, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

At the 2016 Rio Olympics, Bowie won silver in the 100 and bronze in the 200. She then ran the anchor leg on a 4x100 team with Tianna Bartoletta, Allyson Felix and English Gardner to take gold.

A year later, she won the 100 meters at the 2017 world championships in London. She also helped the 4x100 team to gold.

Colleges: The field is set for the College World Series begins its annual run in Omaha, Neb., on Friday. The opening games match Oral Roberts against TCU and Florida against Virginia. Openers on Saturday pit No. 1 Wake Forest against Stanford and LSU against SEC rival Tennessee. Bracket winners will play in the best-of-three championship series starting June 24.

NHL: The Oilers signed forward Derek Ryan to a two-year contract extension worth $1.8 million. The 36-year-old Ryan, who would have become an unrestricted free agent on July 1, had 20 points (13 goals, seven assists) in 80 games this season. He added three points (one goal, two assists) in 11 playoff games for the Oilers, who were eliminated in the second round.

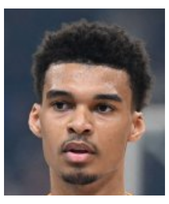
NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Rangers name Laviolette as coach

The Rangers hired Peter Laviolette as their next coach, bringing in a seasoned veteran with Stanley Cup-winning experience to replace Gerard Gallant. The team announced the selection of Laviolette on Tuesday, putting the U.S.-born leader in NHL coaching victories in charge at a time of great expectations, with the Original Six franchise firmly in win-now mode. Laviolette replaces Gallant, who mutually parted ways with the Rangers after their first-round playoff exit. Gallant spent two seasons behind the bench with the Rangers, leading them to the Eastern Conference finals last year. Laviolette, 58, coached the Hurricanes to the Stanley Cup in 2006 and has taken two other teams to the final: the Flyers in 2010 and Predators in 2017. Most recently, he spent the last three seasons coaching the Capitals. They made the playoffs and lost in the first round each of the first two seasons before missing this year amid a bevy of injuries, and Laviolette and the team decided to go their separate ways. Laviolette, 58, has presided over 752 regular-season victories.

NBA's focus shifts to 'Wemby,' draft



There are a few business matters left to tend to around the NBA in the coming days. A championship parade awaits on Thursday in Denver, some end-of-season meetings for Heat players, and the Grizzlies are expecting word soon on what penalty Ja Morant's latest troubles will bring. Then in a few days, all eyes will turn to New York. Victor Wembanyama is coming, and that's where his journey will begin. In a little more than a week, Wembanyama — the 7-foot-3, once-in-a-generation talent from France who will enter the league with fanfare the likes of which hasn't been seen since the arrival of LeBron James in 2003 — will be a member of the Spurs. The plan is that he'll fly to New York next week, be there when the Spurs select him with the No. 1 pick, then head to San Antonio to start the next chapter. There will be 57 other players — two picks were forfeited — chosen in the draft June 22. Those 57, combined, won't generate near the level of attention that Wembanyama will get. That's no knock on them. It just speaks to the phenomenon that 'Wemby' already is.

Medical situation sidelines Monahan

PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan is recovering from a medical situation, the tour announced Tuesday night. The tour didn't disclose the nature of the situation or how serious it was, only that two of his executives would lead the day-to-day operations of the PGA Tour during the most intense time of its 54-year history. The announcement comes a week after Monahan stunned the golf world by announcing the PGA Tour had ended its battle with Saudi Arabia's wealth fund and its LIV Golf League by agreeing to a business partnership. Monahan, 53, spent nearly two months working on the deal with two PGA Tour board members, investment banker Jimmy Dunne and New York attorney Ed Herlihy, without any players' knowledge. Almost all of them said they were shocked. Some said they felt betrayed. The tour said its chief operating officer, Ron Price, and its president, Tyler Dennis, would be in charge while Monahan recovers. Monahan was expected to meet with players and the media next week at the Travelers Championship in Connecticut. *—Associated Press*

NBA ANALYSIS

Champs: 'We're not satisfied'

Built to last, Nuggets already setting sights on more titles

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Nikola Jokic and Jamal Murray, right, are cornerstones that should keep the Nuggets in contention for more NBA titles. **JACK DEMPSEY/AP**

This may be just the start for the Nuggets.

The newly crowned NBA champions — they got there Monday night, beating the Heat 94-89 to end the NBA Finals in five games – have five starters that are all 30 and under. They have a superstar leading the way, an elite second option, and a slew of really good players who could have bigger roles elsewhere yet chose to be part of something more meaningful.

All of that could have been said about the Warriors when they won their first of their four most recent titles in 2015.

Now, it's the Nuggets who are following a similar — and proven — formula.

"Pat Riley said something many years ago," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said after it was all over. "I used to have it up on my board when I was a head coach in Sacramento, and it talked about the evolution in this game and how you go from a nobody to an upstart, and you go from an upstart to a winner and a winner to a contender and a contender to a champion, and the last step is after a champion is to be a dynasty."

Even in a championship moment, Malone is already thinking about more. Riley, the Heat president and a nine-time champion as a coach, player and executive, is wired the same way.

It's not crazy to think the Nuggets can do more. For starters, they have Nikola Jokic.

There are other stars who stand out in their own ways — the 76ers' Joel Embiid replaced Jokic as MVP this year, past MVP Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Bucks may be the best two-way player in the league, the Mavericks' Luka Doncic is surely going to be an MVP before long — but there's no other Jokic, who has gone from second-round pick to triple-double machine.

It's time to end all debate about Jokic. He's slow, can't jump and will never wow anyone with athleticism. And none of that matters. He's smart, he's selfless and he's unstoppable. Period. End of story. The best player in the playoffs, the NBA Finals MVP, and now the big man from Sombor, Serbia is a champion. The days of any Jokic slander being allowed are officially over.

"I think there's more to come, from Jok," Nuggets guard Jamal Murray said. "I think we haven't seen a side of Jok that we're going to where he can be just pure dominance all the way, the whole game, even more than he has been."

Here's what the other 29 teams should say when they hear that: "Yikes."

Murray is to Jokic what Dwyane Wade was to LeBron James, what Kobe Bryant was to Shaquille O'Neal (before it became the other way around), what Scottie Pippen was to Michael Jordan. He is Robin next to Batman, a guy who would be a No. 1 option on many other teams yet checked his ego at the door and made it work in Denver.

Murray has sacrificed some stats. Some spotlight, too. The championship ring that he'll be getting this fall, however, will have exactly the same amount of diamonds as the one Jokic will get. It all evens out.

"To be here just kind of rounds it out and shows that when we are given the right circumstances and everybody healthy," Murray said. "I think when we're playing our best basketball, we're very hard to stop."

It's difficult to argue that point.

To be fair, this wasn't the toughest path a team ever took to a title. The Nuggets beat two No. 8 seeds — the Timberwolves and Heat — along with a No. 7 seed in the Lakers and a No. 4 seed in the Suns to win this championship. But it was dominant. The Nuggets never trailed in a series. They went 16-4 in the postseason. They won 10 of their final 11 games. They left no doubt.

Malone was an assistant coach with the Warriors just as they were starting down the path of becoming the NBA's immovable object. He left two years before Stephen Curry's first title to take over the Kings, getting fired early into Year 2 there. Then the Nuggets hired him, and his first three seasons there resulted in zero playoff appearances. Usually, that gets a guy fired.

The Nuggets kept him. The debt was repaid in full Monday night. Patience paid off, and so did institutional belief that Malone was the right guy, that Jokic — the greatest No. 41 pick in NBA draft history — would become a great, that Denver was building something the right way.

"You know, it's not for everybody," Malone said. "This was the best course for us, and it's allowed us to get here."

It very well may allow them to stay there.

Winning isn't easy and winning a championship is darn near impossible. There have been five different champions in the last five years now. Three of those titlists — the Raptors (2019), Lakers (2020) and Bucks (2021) — have since fired the coaches who won those championships. Getting to the top is hard. Staying on top is tougher. Malone knows this, and starting this fall, the Nuggets are going to learn it.

But he thinks they're also built for whatever comes next.

"We're not satisfied," Malone said. "We accomplished something this franchise has never done before, but we have a lot of young talented players in that locker room, and I think we just showed through 16 playoff wins what we're capable of on the biggest stage in the world."

US OPEN

Koepka blocks out chaos in chasing another major

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brooks Koepka is at a major and feeling as good as ever. His health. His trophy count. His mood.

Especially his mood.

Koepka all but shrugged at the chaos surrounding golf, an agreement between the PGA Tour and the Saudi national wealth fund that pays for LIV Golf, which turned enemies into friends. He remembers having breakfast at The Grove in Florida when he heard the news. And then he went out to practice for the U.S. Open.

"There's four weeks a year I really care about and this is one of them," he said.

But when he finished speaking Tuesday, he hopped off his chair and said with the slightest smile, "See you at Travelers."

That would be the Travelers Championship next week, a PGA Tour event that excludes him as a LIV member.

A few minutes later, after a brief television interview, Koepka was headed toward the clubhouse at Los Angeles Country Club when someone referenced his cheeky remark by saying, "Really, Brooks?"

Another smile, and he moved his hand in a circular motion to indicate stirring the pot.

Rarely has such big news had so few answers, and Koepka was among those who wasn't sure where this business agreement among the PGA Tour, European tour and Public Investment Fund was headed, particularly as it relates to the future of LIV.

Nor does he particularly care.

Koepka cares about the majors, and no one is playing them better at the moment.

He had the 54-hole lead at the Masters until Jon Rahm tracked him down, and Koepka won his fifth major, the PGA Championship, at Oak Hill. That was his favorite, because of knee injuries that made him wonder if his best golf was behind him.

Koepka has said if healthy, that might have made his decision to defect to LIV Golf last year more difficult.

He's happy with where he is, no matter the format or how often he plays. Everything is geared around the majors.

The record is astounding. Along with his five majors, his has four runner-up finishes. Dating to 2015, when Koepka first became eligible for all of them, he has finished in the top 10 in 18 of his last 30 majors.

He has spent one round over two days on the North course at LACC, and then there will be nine holes on the final day of practice.

In the midst of these preparations is chatter about where the PGA Tour and LIV is headed under the agreement. Some believe it can be a distraction, others figure it all goes away once play begins Thursday.

Koepka doesn't mind either way.

"The more chaotic things get, the easier for me," he said. "Everything starts to slow down and I am able to focus on whatever I need to focus on while everybody else is dealing with distractions."

He believes that's one reason he thrives in the biggest events.

"I enjoy the chaos," he said.

Koepka clearly has a winning formula, and that starts with good health. A year ago, having not given his left knee time to heal, he tied for 55th in two majors and missed the cut in the other two. It was during that stretch he wondered if he could compete with the best every week.

And then LIV came calling and paying, he had a full offseason to recover, and he looks like the Koepka of old.

He's back to being "Big Game Brooks."

Chicago Tribune

FOOD & HEALTH

The potato and mushroom taco, portabello and bell pepper taco and taco mágico at El Hongo Magico .
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REVIEW

Meat-free Mexican?

Three vegan taquerias tap into this growing genre

By Nick Kindelsperger
Chicago Tribune

The last time I visited Mexico City, I conducted the greatest taco crawl of my life.

I feasted on dozens of al pastor tacos stuffed with orange-hued pork sliced thinly from towering trompos. I downed suadero tacos, packed with beef made meltingly tender from bubbling in a vat of fat with countless other animal parts. In fact, name the meaty filling — carnitas, cochinita pibil, longaniza, chorizo, tinga de pollo — and I probably ate it.

But I also indulged in tacos piled high with tender cubed zucchini, fluffy rice and creamy black beans, before moving on to ones with inky huitlacoche (a prized fungus that grows on corn). I went multiple times to Tacos Hola, where I ordered rajas con crema, strips of poblano chiles bathed in cream. My quesadilla refused to fold over at a trendy place in the Polanco neighborhood because it was filled with so many layers of fresh squash blossoms. While the meaty fillings definitely outnumbered the vegetable ones, there were options and they were tempting.

Most Chicago taquerias still have limited vegetable taco options, if they have any at all. Fortunately, three new vegan Mexican restaurants are hoping to change Chicago's opinion on the genre. Don Bucio's Taqueria, Penelope's Vegan Taqueria and El Hongo Magico Taqueria all prove there is a serious demand for meat-free Mexican food in Chicago.

But should you care if you aren't vegan or vegetarian? Certainly, many of us could eat less meat, and as I've explained, vegetable tacos can be startlingly good. But I do feel conflicted about places that simply substitute meat with fake meat, substances such as soy protein or seitan. While undoubtedly a blessing for vegans, who might miss the texture of meat, most of these simply taste like less delicious versions of the original. .

Because of this, instead of dishing out stars, I'm scoring these on whether they appeal to just vegetarians or omnivores too. Let's get started.

The Baja vegan taco at Don Bucio's Taqueria. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Don Bucio's Taqueria

If you're visiting Don Bucio's, order the Baja taco. Made with portobellos fried in a tempura batter, the taco neatly balances the crispiness of the batter with the creaminess of the chipotle aioli. No one would confuse it for a real fish taco, where one bite instantly transports you 2,000 miles to Baja California, but it gets the job done.

The rest of the tacos vary wildly in quality. The asada taco might be made with "forest mushrooms," but their flavor is mostly buried under a heavy-handed salsa macha. The al pastor taco decently replicates the flavor of the pork original, thanks to aioli spiked with chile and a slightly sweet pineapple escabeche. But since the base is made of white and black beans, yucca and potato, the filling quickly becomes gritty and dry, instead of juicy and tender. Even the chorizo, the easiest taco filling to make meat-free, failed to connect. Paired with overcooked potatoes, each bite was spongy.

The worst offender is the barbacoa. Made with jackfruit cooked in a guajillo salsa, it arrived as little more than a brown pile of spicy mush. Don Bucio's makes no claim that its plant-based dishes are traditional, but calling this barbacoa seems nearly slanderous. As a forebear of barbecue, this pre-Hispanic process starts with ingredients wrapped in aromatic leaves (usually maguey, agave, avocado or banana) that are slowly smoked in a sealed chamber. (Traditionally, it was a pit dug into the ground, lined with charcoal and covered with dirt.) As José R. Ralat, Texas Monthly's taco editor, recently wrote about barbacoa: "It's is no simple thing. Rather, barbacoa is a laborious and time-intensive process — not just an ingredient."

I genuinely believe one can make a terrific vegetable-based barbacoa taco, but you'd have to care about the original. Plus, where are the greens? The zucchini? Considering the good reviews of his other projects, especially Bloom Plant Based Kitchen, chef Rodolfo Cuadros

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Father's Day dining specials

Backyard barbecues to brunch buffets at 34 Chicago restaurants

By Samantha Nelson
For the Chicago Tribune

While Mother's Day celebrations traditionally involve breakfast in bed or brunch with free-flowing mimosas plus gifts of flowers, it can be a little harder to figure out what to do for Father's Day.

Luckily, local bars and restaurants are making planning easier by offering a wide range of events and specials, with an emphasis on big steaks, beer and whiskey. Whether you think your dad would love to watch some golf while showing off his own putting skills, or to spend some time outside enjoying freshly-grilled meat and plenty of drinks, these 34 spots make it easy to enjoy some quality time together.

All events take place Sunday unless otherwise specified.

Know a restaurant or bar with holiday specials? Email food editor Ariel Cheung at archeung@chicagotribune.com.

DOWNTOWN

Adalina

Dad will have a chance to take home pocket squares, cigars, White Sox tickets and other gifts during a brunch featuring a $20 waffle station and $30 bloody mary bar, with both offered together for $45. You can also come for dinner, where $75 gets you a 24-ounce, bone-in aged balsamic rib-eye, Parmesan-dusted fries, a smoked Manhattan and chocolate cake. *912 N. State St., 312-820-9000, adalinachicago.com*

Brass Tack

Come for brunch and enjoy bottomless rosé along with specials including steak and eggs with crispy potatoes or smoked brisket hash with candied jalapeños. *11 E. Walton St., 312-646-1402, brasstackchicago.com*

Chicago Burger Company

Start celebrating early with a barbecue along the Chicago River featuring burger samplings, bourbon, beer, live music and games from 1-3 p.m. Saturday. *301 E. North Water St., 312-464-1000,*

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Father's Day dinner at Adalina includes aged balsamic rib-eye, Parmesan-dusted fries and a smoked Manhattan.
ADAM SOKOLOWSKI

Come on Barbie — to Chicago!

Malibu pop-up launches from Saved by the Max creator

By Jenna Smith
Chicago Tribune

After spending six hours handing out merch at the new Malibu Barbie Cafe pop-up in the West Loop, 18-year-old Keni Adekeye stood among the sea of hot-pink clad fans, wrapping up her first shift.

A decade ago in Nigeria, a young Adekeye burned through Barbie movies at a rapid pace as the daughter of a DVD seller. As a kid, she had no idea how far the character's reach extended — only that she loved her adventures and can-do attitude.

Now, on a warm June evening, she stood in the midst of a Barbie Dream House come to life.

"This place does not feel real," Adekeye said. "I'm coming off the Red Line — outside, everyone's tired, working. As soon as I come in, they're like 'Hi, Barbie.' Say what you want to say about all this; it's a confidence booster."

That's the global appeal of this singular, iconic doll, and it was on full display at the pop-up cafe, where the beachside cuisine is endless, the '70s never ended and the color pink reigns supreme.

The cafe and bar — designed by Derek Berry of Saved by the Max fame — opened its doors June 5 and will run through Sept. 15, with director Greta Gerwig's highly anticipated "Barbie" movie launching right in the middle with a July 21 premiere. At the heavily Instagrammable Mattel-backed pop-up, attendees lived out their brightest Barbie dreams, complete with a life-size doll box, a '70s-style rotary phone, a larger-than-life stereo and a fan favorite outdoor roller rink.

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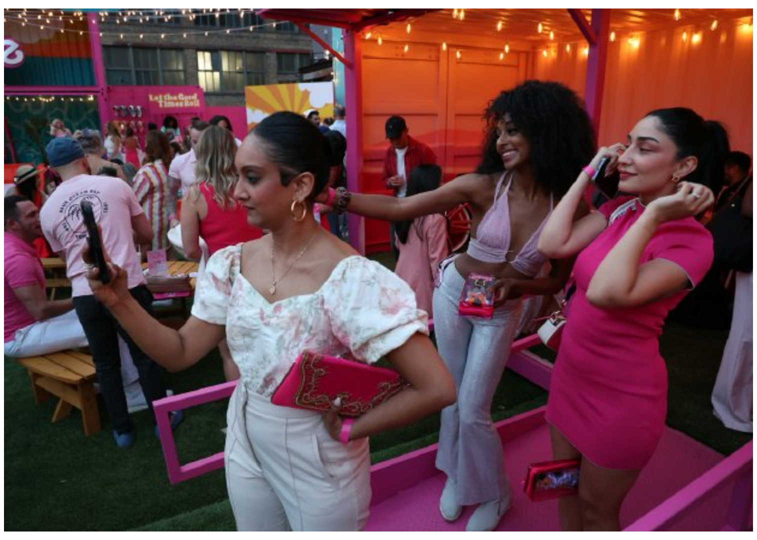

Ishani Mehta, from left, Mara Woods and Hatis Akbudak take photos at the Malibu Barbie Cafe, a pop-up restaurant in Chicago's West Loop on June 5.
TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Serve the spicy grilled chicken with a curried peanut sauce. You can tuck the hot chicken into lettuce leaves with rice noodles. **JEANMARIE BROWNSON/TNS**

THAI INSPIRATION

Curry paste gives chicken exciting flavor

By JeanMarie Brownson
Tribune Content Agency

We feel lucky to live in an urban area with grocery stores that stock ingredients for cuisines from around the world. A nice supply of these items helps keep our cooking fresh and exciting.

Condiments in all flavors and forms, including pastes and sauces, find their way into my cooking on a weekly basis. Small jars of red chile-laced, spicy, Thai-inspired curry paste form the basis of bowls of curried vegetables and stir-fries. They also pack a punch suitable for marinades and grill sauces.

Stir a spoonful or two of the paste into unsweetened coconut milk along with spices and refrigerated lemongrass puree for a marinade for boneless skinless chicken. A few hours in the refrigerator yields tender chicken that cooks quickly on a grill or broiler pan. Choose boneless skinless chicken thighs for maximum chicken flavor. The thighs can linger in the marinade for as long as overnight.

For leaner chicken breasts, use chicken cutlets or slice chicken breasts horizontally in half so each piece is less than 1-inch thick. Chicken tenders can also be used. For both chicken breast and tenders, shorten the marinade to 1 or 2 hours.

Serve the spicy grilled chicken with a Thai-inspired curried peanut sauce. I like to tuck the hot chicken into lettuce leaves with rice noodles. Add a squeeze of fresh lime juice just before biting into the fresh packet. A fresh cucumber salad keeps dinner tasting renewed.

SPICY CUCUMBER SALAD

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
2 medium-size seedless cucumbers
1 large shallot, peeled or ¼ of a small red onion
⅓ cup seasoned rice vinegar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 or 2 small skinny red or green hot peppers, very thinly sliced

1. Use a fork to score the length of the cucumber skin on all sides. Use a very sharp knife to slice the cucumber on an angle into the thinnest slices possible. Very thinly slice the shallot and rinse the slices in a colander under cool running water. Drain well.

2. Mix vinegar and salt in the bottom of a glass bowl until the salt dissolves. Stir in cucumbers, shallot slices and hot peppers. Let stand, stirring occasionally, for about 15 minutes. Serve at room temperature. (Salad can be refrigerated for about a day.)

GRILLED CHICKEN WITH CURRIED PEANUT SAUCE

Makes: 4 to 6 servings
Note: If using chicken breasts or tenders, reduce marinating time to 1 or 2 hours. Reduce cooking time for chicken breast cutlets or tenders by 3 or 4 minutes.
1 can (13.5 ounces) coconut milk
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons Thai-style red curry paste
1 tablespoon agave syrup or sugar
1 tablespoon refrigerated lemongrass puree
2 ¼ teaspoons turmeric powder
8 to 12 boneless skinless small chicken thighs, 1 ½ to 2 pounds total
½ cup dry-roasted peanuts (unsalted if possible)
1 teaspoon tamarind paste or 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
¼ teaspoon ground coriander, optional
¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
Romaine lettuce leaves, for serving
Cooked wide rice noodles, for serving
Lime wedges, for serving
Spicy cucumber salad, see recipe

1. Pour ½ of the can of coconut milk into a large non-aluminum bowl. Stir in soy sauce, 1 tablespoon of the curry paste, agave syrup, lemongrass puree and 2 teaspoons of the turmeric powder until smooth. Add chicken thighs and stir gently to be sure chicken is coated on all sides. Refrigerate covered at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

2. Meanwhile, for sauce, put peanuts into a blender and process until powdered. Add remaining ½ can of coconut milk, remaining 2 teaspoons curry paste, remaining ¼ teaspoon turmeric powder, tamarind paste (or lime juice) and ground coriander. Blend smooth. Transfer to a small saucepan. Heat over low until hot and slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Remove from heat and let cool. Sauce can be refrigerated in a covered container for a few days. Serve slightly warmed or at room temperature.

3. Prepare a charcoal grill and let coals heat until they are covered with white ash. Spread coals in an even layer. Or preheat a gas grill to medium-high heat (400 degrees on grill thermometer). Let cooking grates heat for 5 minutes.

4. Use tongs to arrange chicken thighs in a single, uncrowded layer directly over the heat source. Cover grill and cook without turning for 5 minutes. Thighs should be nicely marked and golden on the side touching the grill grates. Use tongs to flip over thighs. Cover grill and cook until opaque in center, 5 to 7 more minutes. Remove to a cutting board.

5. Sprinkle chicken with cilantro. Serve chicken wrapped in lettuce leaves with a few noodles, if desired. Pass lime wedges for squeezing over. Dollop with peanut sauce. Pass cucumber salad.

Start your summer decadently with s'more pie

By Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

S'mores have been a much-loved summer treat ever since the official recipe for the sweet but simple combination first appeared in a 1927 Girl Scout guidebook, "Tramping and Trailing with the Girl Scouts."

They're often a hot, sticky mess, but roasted marshmallows just go so incredibly well with chocolate and graham crackers, right? The fact that you can make them over a campfire only adds to their crowd appeal.

But what if you don't have a fire pit in your backyard, or aren't keen about letting your kids cook over hot coals with a pointy stick? Or maybe you just want to impress friends and family with a make-ahead, party-worthy dessert.

This decadent pie recipe brings together all the familiar and sugary-sweet flavors of a s'more, only with a bit more flair, which makes it the perfect showstopper for a summer barbecue.

Built on a sweet and sturdy graham cracker crust, it pairs a thick and gooey brownie layer crafted with two types of chocolate with a creamy milk chocolate ganache. It's topped with a sweet and fluffy meringue that when toasted under the broiler or scorched with a kitchen torch, tastes exactly like a fire-roasted marshmallow.

If you're thinking "ambitious" instead of "effortless," you'd be right: The pie's composition requires several steps and cooling periods, along with the ability to whip up a light and airy meringue. Then again, each individual step is pretty easy — and the results are nothing short of fantastic.

A s'more pie captures all the flavors of the traditional summer cookout treat in one pan. **GRETCHEN MCKAY/PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE**

S'MORE PIE

Makes: 10-12 servings
For the crust:
12 whole graham crackers, broken into pieces
2 tablespoons sugar
⅛ teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons butter, melted
For the brownie layer:
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped fine
5 tablespoons vegetable oil
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
2 tablespoons Dutch-processed cocoa powder
1 cup packed light brown sugar
3 large eggs
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
½ teaspoon salt
¼ cup all-purpose flour
For the fudge layer:
4 ounces milk chocolate, chopped fine
⅓ cup heavy cream
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
For the meringue:
¾ cup sugar
3 large egg whites
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon cream of tartar
Pinch of salt

1. Prepare crust: Adjust oven rack 8 inches for broiler element and heat oven to 325 degrees. Process graham cracker pieces in food processor until finely ground, about 30 seconds. Add sugar and salt and pulse to combine. Add melted butter and pulse until combined.

2. Transfer crumbs to 9-inch pie plate. Using bottom of dry measuring cup, press crumbs into bottom and up sides of plate. Bake until crust is fragrant and beginning to brown, 16-18 minutes. Transfer plate to wire rack.

3. Prepare brownie layer: Combine chocolate, oil, butter and cocoa in a large bowl, Microwave at 50% power until chocolate is melted, about 2 minutes, stirring every 30 seconds. Let cool 5 minutes.

4. Whisk sugar, eggs, vanilla and salt into chocolate mixture until fully combined. Whisk in flour until just incorporated. Pour brownie batter into crust (does not need to be fully cooled).

5. Bake pie until edge of brownie begins to set and toothpick inserted comes out with a few moist crumbs attached, about 40 minutes. Let pie cool at least 10 minutes or up to 1 hour.

6. Prepare fudge layer: Meanwhile, combine chocolate, cream and corn syrup in medium bowl and microwave at 50% until chocolate is fully melted, 1-2 minutes, stirring halfway through microwaving. Let cool completely, about 30 minutes.

7. Pour cooled fudge mixture over brownie layer and smooth into even layer. Let set completely at room temperature, at least 3 hours.

8. Make meringue: Whisk all ingredients together in bowl of stand mixer. Place bowl over saucepan filled with 1 inch of simmering water, making sure water does not touch bottom of bowl. Whisking gently and constantly, heat until sugar is dissolved and mixture registers 160-165 degrees, 4-7 minutes.

9. Fit stand mixer with whisk attachment and whip on high speed until meringue forms stiff peaks and is smooth and creamy, about 3 minutes. Spread meringue over filling, making sure it touches edges of crust. Use spatula or spoon to create swirls over the meringue.

10. Using a kitchen torch, continually sweep flame about 2 inches above meringue until well browned, 1-2 minutes. Or, broil pie under broiler until meringue is well browned, 1-2 minutes, rotating halfway through broiling.

11. Slice pie into wedges with wet knife, wiping knife clean between slices. Serve.

— Recipe from Cook's Country June/July 2023

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What better way to celebrate the fruit's return than by baking berry-laden desserts?

The biscuits in this strawberry shortcake stay especially crisp, thanks to soaking the berries in sugar to draw out their juices.
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Sweet on *strawberries*

By Melissa Clark
The New York Times

Last winter was a terrible time to be a strawberry in California — and maybe an even worse time to be a strawberry farmer.

At Harry's Berries in Oxnard, California, the rain came down so hard it flattened acres of strawberry beds "like pancakes," said operations manager Kristopher Gean, whose grandfather Harry Iwamoto started the farm more than 50 years ago. Each bed had to be dug up by hand, costing the farm more than $100,000 in labor.

Even then, the berries that survived to make it to market were bloated, insipid and expensive. "Everyone on Instagram was complaining: 'These berries don't taste that good,' " Gean said. "And they were right."

From January to March, bad weather and bland berries were the rule for farmers across California, who grow about 85% of the commercial strawberries in the United States. And the devastated crops, with their low yields, astronomically drove up prices for any berries you could find.

Things have finally turned around: California berries are back on the market, sweet as ever, and at a more reasonable cost. Strawberries from other regions are also becoming available as the weather warms, making their scarlet way to farmers markets and supermarkets across the country.

And what better way to celebrate their return than with a berry-laden dessert?

While many strawberry-filled baked goods get a little soggy from the raw berries weeping moisture into the crumb or crust, these three new recipes are different. They treat the berries before baking — simmering, roasting or macerating them — to condense their juices and allow them to hold up better in pastries and cakes.

An elegant, flaky tart simmers the strawberries briefly in a sugar syrup until they glisten like rubies. Then, they're arranged on top of a tangy cream cheese mixture spread on a sheet of puff pastry. The tart emerges from the oven with a crisp, buttery crust that stays that way for hours, perfect for making ahead.

Macerating the berries in sugar before baking them into biscuits prevents them from becoming gummy. Then, you can sandwich those biscuits around more macerated berries and whipped cream for the fruitiest, juiciest double strawberry shortcakes imaginable, with poppy seeds for extra crunch.

Last but not least, in the tender almond cakes, rich with browned butter, berries are briefly roasted before being mixed into the batter, for an intense flavor and caramelized juices that lend a jammy vividness.

These techniques will help any berries show their best, and they're also great to keep in your back pocket for next winter, in case bad weather and bland berries return.

But right now, this year's berries are ripe and ready for all your baking and beyond.

For this strawberry cheese galette, simmering berries briefly in a sugar syrup concentrates their flavor and keeps them from weeping into the crisp crust.

DOUBLE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKES

With fresh berries in both the filling and the biscuits, these strawberry shortcakes double up on the fruit, making them especially juicy. To keep the shortcakes from turning soggy, the berries are briefly macerated before baking, which keeps them from weeping into the pastry. Poppy seeds add a slight nutty crunch, but you can leave them out if you prefer. Bake the shortcakes up to eight hours ahead but, for the best texture, don't layer them with the cream and berries until serving.

Makes: 6 shortcakes
Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes, plus at least 1 ½ hours' resting
For the shortcakes:
4 ounces/1 cup fresh strawberries, trimmed and sliced ¼-inch thick
4 tablespoons granulated sugar
1 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons baking powder
1 tablespoon poppy seeds, plus more for topping
½ cup unsalted butter, cubed
Buttermilk, as needed
For serving:
8 ounces/2 cups fresh strawberries, trimmed and sliced
1 to 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
Whipped cream

1. In a small bowl, macerate the berries: Gently toss the strawberries with 1 tablespoon sugar and set aside for 30 minutes or until the berries are juicy and bright red.

2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, remaining 3 tablespoons granulated sugar, baking powder and poppy seeds. Add butter. Using a pastry cutter or your fingers, work the butter into the flour until the mixture is mealy with pea-size butter pieces. While the strawberries macerate, put the flour and butter mixture in the freezer to chill.

3. After the strawberries have released their liquid, use a slotted spoon to carefully transfer them to a clean kitchen towel or paper towel, and dab off any excess liquid. Pour strawberry liquid into a measuring cup and add enough buttermilk to make ⅓ cup.

4. Add the drained strawberries to the chilled flour mixture and toss with your fingers or a fork to incorporate.

5. Pour in buttermilk mixture and gently toss until the dough is evenly damp and shaggy, being careful not to overmix. Turn the shaggy dough onto a piece of plastic wrap and pat it into a rough 5-by-4-inch rectangle that's 1 ½ inches tall (it will look small but will rise a lot in the oven). Cut through the dough into 6 even pieces but don't separate the shortcakes. (This makes them easier to store.) Wrap well with plastic and place in the freezer for at least 45 minutes and up to 2 weeks.

6. Heat the oven to 425 degrees. Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.

7. Remove dough from the freezer. Use a knife to separate the shortcakes (you may have to cut all the way through the dough again) and place on a lined baking tray at least 1 ½ inches apart. Brush tops with buttermilk and sprinkle with more poppy seeds.

8. Put the shortcakes in the oven and immediately reduce the oven temperature to 400 degrees. Bake for 22 to 30 minutes until the shortcakes are golden brown on the tops and bottoms. Transfer to a rack to cool.

9. To serve, in a medium bowl, toss together berries and sugar and let macerate for at least 15 minutes and up to 4 hours (store in the fridge if keeping longer than an hour). Halve the shortcakes crosswise, and fill with whipped cream and syrupy berries.

STRAWBERRY ALMOND CAKES

These tender almond cakes are a riff on financiers, diminutive French pastries made from almond flour and browned butter. To get the most intensity from the berries, they are briefly roasted before being mixed into the batter. Roasting condenses the berries' flavor and helps keep them from leaking juices into the cakes, which can make their light crumb heavy and a bit damp.

Makes: 12 cakes
Total time: 1 hour 20 minutes
7 ounces fresh strawberries, cut into ½-inch chunks (about 1 ½ cups)
1 tablespoon granulated sugar, plus more for the pan
¾ cup unsalted butter, plus more for the pan
2 cups confectioners' sugar
1 cup almond flour
¾ cup all-purpose flour
¾ teaspoon fine sea or table salt
5 large egg whites
1 tablespoon vanilla extract

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. In a small bowl, mix strawberries with 1 tablespoon of granulated sugar and transfer to a parchment-lined baking sheet. Roast until the strawberries have released a bit of juice and are just tender, 10 to 15 minutes. Set aside to cool.

2. In a small saucepan, melt butter, letting it cook until it turns nut brown and smells toasted, about 5 minutes. Pour into a heatproof bowl and let cool. (Do not scrape up any black bits from the bottom of the pot.)

3. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine sugar, almond flour, all-purpose flour and salt. Using an electric mixer fitted with the whisk attachment and set on low speed (or use a whisk and a strong arm), beat in egg whites until the flour mixture is damp. Add butter and beat on medium-high speed (or vigorously by hand) until very smooth, about 2 minutes. Beat in vanilla. At this point, the batter can be used immediately or refrigerated for up to 4 days without the strawberries.

4. Right before baking, drain the roasted strawberries from their liquid and blot on a paper towel or clean cloth. Fold the roasted strawberries into the batter. (You may have about 1 to 2 tablespoons of strawberry syrup left to add to yogurt or seltzer.)

5. Butter 12 (½-cup) muffin cups and coat all over with a little granulated sugar. Divide batter across the cups, and bake until financiers are golden brown and the tops spring back when lightly pressed, 15 to 25 minutes. Cool on a wire rack before unmolding.

STRAWBERRY CREAM CHEESE TART

Syrupy berries are layered with a cream cheese filling and baked on a sheet of store-bought puff pastry, which turns golden and flaky in the oven. Quick to put together and elegant to serve, it's a terrific way to showcase the fresh berries.

Makes: 6 to 8 servings
Total time: 1 hour 15 minutes
For the berries:
1 ½ pounds fresh strawberries, trimmed and halved or quartered if very large
¼ cup granulated sugar
¼ teaspoon fine sea or table salt
For the tart:
½ cup/4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 egg yolk
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
¾ teaspoon finely grated lemon zest
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
⅛ teaspoon fine sea or table salt
All-purpose flour, for rolling
1 (14- to 18-ounce) package puff pastry, preferably all-butter, thawed if frozen but still cold

1. Heat oven to 425 degrees. In a medium saucepan, combine strawberries, sugar and salt. Let mixture sit for 20 minutes, tossing once or twice, until berries get a little juicy. Turn heat to medium and cook, stirring occasionally, until they are just beginning to soften and the sugar dissolves, about 5 minutes.

2. Using a slotted spoon, transfer berries to a plate to cool. Bring the syrup back to a simmer and let it cook until it reduces by half, 3 to 7 minutes.

3. In a medium bowl, use a fork or a wooden spoon to mash together the cream cheese, egg yolk, sugar, lemon juice and zest, vanilla and salt until smooth. (It's OK if there are a few small lumps of cream cheese.)

4. On a lightly floured surface, roll puff pastry into a 13-by-11-inch rectangle about ⅛-inch thick. Transfer the dough to a parchment-lined baking pan. With a sharp knife, score a 1-inch border along the edges of the puff pastry (don't cut all the way through).

5. Spread the cream cheese mixture evenly inside the scored border. Arrange the strawberries on top in a single layer.

6. Bake until pastry is puffed and golden, 22 to 30 minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack to cool for at least 20 minutes or up to 8 hours before serving. Right before serving, gently brush some of the reduced syrup over the fruit and crust to add shine and more strawberry flavor. If you like, you can serve the remaining syrup as a sauce drizzled on top of the tart, or save it to use in seltzer or serve over yogurt or ice cream.

Father's Day

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Father's Day specials at Truluck's include seafood like lobster, stone crab claws and calamari. **SARAH VONVDERHAAR**

marriott.com

Ema

Dine in to take advantage of a special lamb shank served with Moroccan mint and herb-flecked farro offered in addition to the regular menu. *74 W. Illinois St., 312-527-5586, emachicago.com*

Maple & Ash

The steakhouse will host a $165 backyard barbecue from 2-8 p.m. featuring wine, beer and Maker's Mark cocktails plus chilled seafood, roasted oyster towers and charcoal-grilled dry-aged steaks. There will be games to play and all dads will take home a treat. Maker's Mark will also be engraving bottles from 5:30-8:30 p.m. *8 W. Maple St., 312-944-8888, mapleandash.com*

Mercat a la Planxa

Executive chef Gee Cuyagan offers brunch specials including crab cake Benedict with smoked trout roe ($22), a skillet with sherry-braised short rib and patatas bravas ($25) and wagyu bocadillo ($27). *638 S. Michigan Ave., 312-765-0524, mercatchicago.com*

Michael Jordan's Steak House

Treat dad to a $140 special 30-day dry-aged porterhouse served with king trumpet mushrooms in a black garlic truffle butter sauce. *505 N. Michigan Ave., 312-321-8823, michaeljordansteakhouse.com/chicago*

Prime & Provisions

A buffet brunch offered from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. features eggs Benedict, cinnamon French toast, omelets, slow-roasted prime rib, crab legs and grilled asparagus for $95, or $35 for kids ages 7-12. *222 N. LaSalle Blvd., 312-726-7777, primeandprovisions.com*

RPM Italian

Toast dad with a $20 Blanton's Dad-hattan or a $150 Pappy Van Winkle flight. The same specials are also available at RPM Seafood and RPM Steak. *52 W. Illinois St., 312-222-1888, rpmrestaurants.com*

Somerset

The restaurant within the Viceroy Chicago offers a 10-ounce New York strip with charred onion steak sauce paired with a Four Roses Single Barrel Old-Fashioned for $48 from 5-10 p.m. *1118 N. State St., 312-586-2000, viceroyhotelsandresorts.com/chicago/somerset*

Venteux

Indulge with $25 bottomless draft beer from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. served along with a 5-ounce hanger steak with eggs and marble potatoes. *224 N. Michigan Ave., 312-777-9003, venteuxchicago.com*

Yardbird

A special $62 Father's Day combination platter including spicy fennel andouille sausage, smoked burnt ends and St. Louis ribs. Finish the meal with a chocolate skillet brownie served with coffee ice cream ($18). *530 N. Wabash Ave., 312-999-9760, runchickenrun.com/chicago*

NORTH SIDE AND NEAR NORTH SIDE

Alamo Drafthouse

Have brunch during an 11 a.m. screening of "The Birdcage," which stars Robin Williams and Nathan Lane as a gay couple trying to play straight so their son can introduce them to his fiance's parents. *3519 N. Clark St., 872-298-3961, drafthouse.com/chicago*

Bar Roma

Share a half-price bottle of wine and other specials including wood-fired bone-in rib-eye with sauteed garlic spinach ($38), soft shell crab with crispy polenta ($16) and split pea soup with prosciutto ($10). *5101 N. Clark St., 773-942-7572, barromachicago.com*

Brasserie by C&C

Come from 2-6 p.m. for live music and a meal featuring buttermilk fried chicken with housemade cornbread and barbecue sauce, a bloody mary, and all-you-can-eat salad, baked mashed potatoes, baked beans and braised greens sourced from 99 Counties and Avron Farm. The meal is $60 or $45 for dads. *5940 N. Broadway, 773-769-2900, brasseriebycandc.com*

Le Sud

Dig into a steak skillet with pork belly during brunch ($22) or a Parmesan-crusted bone-in rib-eye for dinner ($46). *2301 W. Roscoe St., 773-857-1985, lesudchicago.com*

SOUTH SIDE

Marz Community Brewing

Dads can work up an appetite with an Illinois Brewery Running Series open 5K course that snakes it way through the Bridgeport neighborhood before ending at this fun and funky brewery. The run (or walk, or jog) begins at 11 a.m., and participants get a free Marz beer and free pint glass or other swag item. Live music, games, giveaways and more away after. *$35 tickets, or $50 with a T-shirt. 3630 S. Iron St., 773-579-1935, marz.beer; tickets at eventbrite.com*

Pearl's Place

Tuck in to an absolute feast from this Bronzeville mainstay. The Father's Day buffet includes turkey, pot roast, chitterlings, smothered short ribs, yams and cornbread dressing. Finish the meal off with desserts such as sweet potato pie, peach cobbler and banana pudding. Guests can dine-in, or grab a take-home meal package for a more intimate feast. *3901 S. Michigan Ave., 773-285-1700, pearlsplacerestaurant.com*

The Quarry Event Center

Celebrate dad at a food-tasting fest put together by the nonprofit Real Men Cook. Home chefs will be cooking up desserts, grilled meats, sides like mac and cheese, and treats from Imani's Original Bean Pies. Entertain the kids with face painting and a clown show. Tickets are $20 for seniors and kids, $25 for early bird registration and $35 at the door. *2423 E. 75th St., 312-259-1143, thequarrychi.com*

WEST SIDE, NORTHWEST SIDE AND NEAR WEST SIDE

Aba

Aba means father in Hebrew and Arabic, so the restaurant is a particularly appropriate spot to celebrate with a special shawarma-spiced skirt steak and eggs, offered for $35 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. *302 N. Green St., 773-645-1400, abarestaurants.com*

Gaijin

Dads who dine in their Cubs or Sox gear Saturday or Sunday will receive a free team-themed kakigori dessert. *950 W. Lake St., 312-265-1348, gaijinchicago.com*

Ina Mae Tavern

Listen to live music from noon to 3 p.m. while eating brunch and sipping $10 Old-Fashioneds and $7 beers from Funkytown Brewery. *1415 N. Wood St., 773-360-8320, inamaetavern.com*

Lottie's Pub

Bring dad to watch the U.S. Open and he can test his own golf skills by putting to win a golf bag, gift cards and other prizes. Specials include $4 Michelob Ultra, $10 Bulleit Old-Fashioneds and $7 Ketel One John Daly cocktails. *1925 W. Cortland St., 773-489-0738, lottiespub.com*

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The Beach Burger at the Malibu Barbie Cafe. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE**

Barbie

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Throughout the evening, one word seemed to encompass each partygoer's experience: nostalgia.

Chicago model Maryam Jana described the pop-up cafe as a "full-circle" moment.

"I never thought in my adult life that I'd still be playing with Barbies," she said. And yet, among a room full of people dressed head-to-toe in pink, it appeared adults were even more excited than kids to lean into the Barbie fantasy.

"As you walk around and you talk to people, everyone has their own Barbie story. We see groups of women coming and hanging out, we see moms with kids, we see grandparents, so it truly is a multigenerational experience," said Julie Freeland, senior director for location-based entertainment at Mattel.

The cafe's food is designed to emulate a coastal excursion, with light, whimsical bites crafted by "Master Chef" semifinalist Becky Brown. One of Brown's personal favorites is the Beach Burger, a double smash burger topped with a secret sauce, grilled onions and a brioche bun.

Another house favorite is the West Coast Wedge Salad, livened up with herb-forward green goddess dressing, a squeeze of citrus, garlic butter breadcrumbs and bacon. Brown said both dishes were a nod to the approachable and retro-inspired nature of Barbie's identity.

Kids can look forward to the confetti pancakes topped with sprinkles, whipped cream and edible pink glitter, Brown said. Meanwhile, grown-ups should keep an eye out for the wide-ranging selection of cocktails (particularly the pink-hued tipples, of course).

For some, the life-size Barbie celebration meant more than playing dress up and reengaging in childhood whimsy. "Ru Paul's Drag Race" alum Kahmora Hall made an appearance Monday wearing an eye-catching feathery pink outfit and Barbie blonde hair.

Looking out over the crowd, Hall noted the diverse group and how safe she felt attending the event in drag, particularly in the context of "recent anti-gay rhetoric," she said. Conservative lawmakers in Florida and other states have pushed for a slew anti-LGBTQ laws in recent months, including restrictions to drag shows, and businesses hosting such events in Illinois have become targets of vandalism and threats.

For Hall, the importance of Barbie's inclusivity expanded far beyond the hot pink walls of the pop-up. Her own drag looks include a re-creation of the 1999 Goddess of Asia collector Barbie, crafted by prolific costume designer Bob Mackie. It not only highlighted the importance of the LGBTQ+ representation Barbie provided, she said, but the Asian representation as well.

"Barbie is for everybody," she said with a smile.

Barbie has always been a reflection of the times, Freeland said. And the cafe's namesake is certainly no exception. When Malibu Barbie debuted in 1971, it was the first time a Barbie was depicted with her eyes looking ahead, rather than sporting the demure sideways glance that had been her staple. Freeland noted this push toward female empowerment exemplified in Barbie's identity is resonant more than ever in modern times, when Barbie's careers span from president to astronaut.

And guests will be able to further that empowering message with the $1 skating fee, which will be donated to Girls Inc. Chicago.

Toward the end of the night, echoes of, "Thanks for coming in, Barbies!" filled the room and glitter-clad partygoers still wore smiles as they prepared to brave the real world once again, saying a bittersweet goodbye to their trip down memory lane.

Tickets are $34-$44 for adults, $17-$25 for children, and include an entree and side item during a 90-minute reservation. 324 S. Racine Ave., bucketlisters.com

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Father's Day

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WineStyles

Catch a performance by Annalee Kohen and Chuck Cox during a pig roast that includes two sides and a drink for $18-$25. Tickets are available at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. *6182 N. Northwest Highway, 847-518-9463, winestyles.com/norwood-park*

SUBURBAN AND MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Aboyer

Gather the family for a three-course dinner featuring oysters Rockefeller, whole Dover sole with cognac-lobster sauce and chocolate souffle with Bailey's ice cream truffle for $69. *64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka; 847-441-3100; georgetroisgroup.com*

Antico Posto

Specials offered Friday through Sunday include lobster caprese with housemade mozzarella, truffle-crusted beef risotto and vanilla sponge cake layered with ricotta cream and amaretto-soaked cherries. *118 Oakbrook Center, Oak Brook; 630-586-9200; antico-posto.com*

Beatrix

The restaurant's River North, Streeterville, Fulton Market and Oak Brook locations offer a hot honey fried chicken sandwich with a beer or spicy bloody mary for $18. Come Saturday or Sunday for a special bananas foster waffle. *Multiple locations, beatrix-restaurants.com*

The Board Room

Specials are offered throughout the day with the charcuterie-topped Big Guy's Bloody ($28) available during brunch while dinner brings slow-roasted prime rib ($28) and a double stack smash burger topped with crispy pork belly ($19). *137 Lake St., Libertyville; 224-433-6041; theboardroomlibertyville.com*

Krafted Burger Bar + Tap will have half-price appetizers and $5 select draft beers on Father's Day. **COURTESY**

Fonda Cantina

A three-course Dia de los Padres dinner includes red snapper ceviche, grilled pork chop with sweet potato purée and tres leches cake for $39. *1735 Benson Ave., Evanston; 224-714-2866; eatatfonda.com*

Krafted Burger Bar + Tap

Happy hour is extended all day so you can celebrate with half-price appetizers and $5 select draft beers. *641 E. Boughton Road, Bolingbrook; 630-296-0258; 111 E. 1st St., Elmhurst; 331-225-0853; kraftedburgerbar.com*

L. Woods Tap & Pine Lodge

Feast on specials including white cheddar tater tots, prime rib and peach and blueberry cobbler with vanilla ice cream available June 16-18. *7110 N. Lincoln Ave., Lincolnwood; 847-677-3350; lwoodsrestaurant.com*

Prairie Grass Cafe

Start with a Benedict made with spinach and roasted tomato hollandaise, then load up at a brunch buffet featuring roasted carrots, ancho-marinated skirt steak and made-to-order omelets and crepes from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meal is $85, or $54 for kids ages 10 and younger. During dinner, the restaurant offers a special slow-braised barbecue brisket with mashed potatoes and vegetables for $34. *601 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook; 847-205-4433; prairiegrass.cafe*

Saltwater Coastal Grill

All dads who order the seafood tower featuring oysters, shrimp cocktail and crab claws will receive a complimentary beer, wine or cocktail. *5509 Park Place, Rosemont; 847-233-0077; saltwaterrosemont.com*

Truluck's

The seafood restaurant offers a summery twist on an Old-Fashioned in the Dad Fashioned, made with cardamom-infused lime orange simple syrup from Friday through Sunday. *9860 Berwyn Ave., Rosemont; 847-233-9404; trulucks.com*

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Vegan

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obviously likes vegetables. It's a shame more of them aren't here.

Rating: For vegans only

2763 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-770-9239, donbucios.com

Penelope's Vegan Taqueria

You'll also find jackfruit barbacoa at Penelope's Vegan Taqueria in River North and Andersonville. Once again, the taco is a huge disappointment.

Fortunately, the other tacos fared much better. Chef Juan Lisandro Ramirez grew up in the Mexican state of Guanajuato, before moving to Back of the Yards at the age of 7. It wasn't until he was in his 20s that he decided to try a vegetarian diet, though it did present some challenges. "It was a struggle going to my family gatherings," Ramirez said. "They didn't understand." But after a visit to Mexico City, where he encountered restaurants like Por Siempre Vegana, a vegan taqueria, he realized the possibilities of meat-free Mexican food.

The carnitas taco, made with pulled oats, would never confuse anyone familiar with the indomitable Carnitas Uruapan, but it does have a bouncy texture that's surprisingly close to the meat counterpart. The chorizo, made with soy, also does a credible job of replicating the crumply nature of the fresh sausage. It also helps that the potatoes actually hold their integrity.

I still prefer the tacos made with fresh vegetables. Best in class goes, once again, to the Baja taco. Instead of mushrooms, Penelope's uses fried avocado slices, which makes for a nice textural balance to the crispy exterior. The cauliflower al pastor pairs thin slices of the vegetable with a guajillo salsa and sweet pineapple. The slight crunchiness of the cauliflower is nice, though it is on the spicy side.

Penelope's offers a number of other dishes, including a fun cauliflower ceviche that's refreshing and crunchy. I also tried the pozole verde, much thinner than the pork-based original but perfectly acceptable as a light vegetable soup.

Currently, Penelope's has two locations, which is more than Ramirez ever thought possible. "It's just weird," Ramirez said. "Me coming from a small town in Mexico and growing up in Back of the Yards. It's crazy to now have two restaurants."

If you're vegan and looking to scratch a specific itch, this place gives you a decent simulacrum of the real thing. Plus, there are enough options to please the omnivores too.

Rating: For vegans and the occasional omnivore

230 W. Chicago Ave., 312-265-0400; 5204 N. Clark St., 773-754-7192; penelopesvegantaqueria.com

El Hongo Magico Taqueria

No, El Hongo Magico Taqueria doesn't sell *those* kinds of magic mushrooms. Though the name does mean The Magic Mushroom Taqueria in Spanish, owners Carlos Luna and Bernice Vargas-Luna chose the name because the fungi helped transform their lives.

Luna was dealing with gut and intestinal issues, while Vargas-Luna had diabetes. The two wondered if a vegan diet could help them feel better, and were so impressed with the results that they wondered if other people around the city would appreciate eating their food too.

Currently, the crew works out of a shared kitchen space, along with hosting regular pop-ups around the city, which is where I caught up with them one evening.

Penelope's Baja taco has fried avocado slices, red salsa, spicy aioli, habanero mango pico de Gallo, red cabbage, roasted corn, pickled onions and cilantro. **E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS**

I had never heard of El Hongo Magico Taqueria until it won a Tribune Readers' Choice Food Award for Most Impressive Cult Following. But it's clear our readers know great food.

Start with the taco mágico, which features cremini mushrooms marinated in guajillo and ancho chiles. Seared over high heat, the mushrooms pick up a gentle smokiness, while remaining plump and almost juicy. The dark red marinade adds just enough of a warm chile glow to keep things interesting.

If you require more heat, the shop offers two fantastic salsas, a moderately spicy tomato salsa, dubbed the salsa de mi mami (my mom's salsa), and a fierce green salsa known as salsa de la abuela (granny's salsa). As the names suggest, these recipes have been with the family for decades, and they are both compelling and balanced. The salsa de la abuela certainly brings the heat, but it's also complex and flavorful, not just an excuse to inflict pain.

Cauliflower ceviche from El Hongo Magico.

I devoured the potato and mushroom taco. Instead of soft and mushy, these potatoes remained crispy on the outside and creamy within, which paired wonderfully with the supple mushroom pieces and spicy strips of poblano chile. I was less enamored with the Porta and Bell Pepper taco, which featured grilled portobello mushrooms with colorful, if boring, bell pepper strips. But I still ate the whole thing.

By ignoring the fake meat and focusing on fungi, the El Hongo Magico has an anchor that makes it tempting to people who simply want to eat less meat. Hopefully, they'll soon get a permanent bricks-and-mortar location.

Rating: For taco fans everywhere

El Hongo Magico Taqueria, tacoselhongomagico.com; instagram.com/tacoselhongomagico

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Leaders in Scholarship

- 165 graduates will attend 78 different colleges in 28 states and abroad. They earned over $33 million in merit scholarships and awards.
- Students from the Class of 2023 were accepted to colleges all over the country, including Princeton University, Clemson University, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest University, University of Wisconsin, UCLA, University of Notre Dame, Boston College and University of Michigan.
- Colette Kinsella, Valedictorian, is an outstanding scholar-athlete and IHSA State Medalist who will continue her academic and Cross Country/Track career at Vanderbilt University.
- Maribel Crespo, Salutatorian, will attend Princeton University.
- Mr. Casey Moran received the 2023 Outstanding Educator of the Year Award.
- Sophie Hynes (University of Missouri) and Alexander Soto (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign) were named National Commended Scholars.
- Amber Constante (Northwestern University), Natalie Ereio (University of Iowa), Gabriella Estrada (University of Alabama), Carlos Lopez (University of Notre Dame), Alexander Soto (University of Illinois Urbana Champaign) and Vincent Valera de Barrett (Loyola University) graduated as National Hispanic Scholars.
- Charles McLaughlin (University of Miami Oxford) and Melanie Ortiz (University of Michigan) were both named Chick Evans Scholars.
- The Class of 2023 boasts 34 Illinois State Scholars.
- 3 seniors were the first Nazareth students to earn the Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy. 16 additional seniors earned Commendations toward the Seal of Biliteracy.
- New course electives, Contemporary Literature: Diverse Voices and Ceramics, offered students a chance to broaden learning and dig deeper into academic interests.
- 8 juniors qualified for History Day Regional Competition; Gustavo Villasenor advanced to State Competition.
- 4 members of the Math Team qualified for State Competition.
- 5 students received Scholastic Art and Writing Awards, the country's longest-running and most prestigious arts competition.

Leaders in Service

- Through the Gospel service and a host of service events both on campus and with community partners, Nazareth students completed over 15,000 hours of service over the school year.
- Noah Guzman received the 2023 Sister Oliver Donlin Service Award in recognition of his leadership in making Nazareth a more inclusive and welcoming environment.
- For the first time since 2019, Nazareth Campus Ministry and Friends in Service and Hospitality were able to welcome local teens with disabilities to our FISH Prom. Over 30 teens attended at no cost thanks to over 100 student volunteers.
- The Faculty & Staff Retreat Day included working on projects to benefit Marillac St. Vincent, BEDS Plus, Caring Place for Kids and Loyola Hospital, as well as care of Creation with a campus clean-up.
- The annual Thanksgiving Drive benefiting St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus Food Pantries, as well as the generous response to the Christmas Giving Tree, encouraged students to care for the dear neighbor. Other student-led efforts included supporting the CSJ Founders Day Food Drive, Marillac St. Vincent, La Grange Women's Care Center, Caring Place for Kids and the Red Cross Blood Drive.
- 28 students were chosen for the Young Community Changemakers Program, investigating the needs in our community and developing skills in philanthropy focused on basic needs and health equity.
- Sophomores Cooper Kosanovich and Sophie Nevers were chosen to represent Nazareth at the 2023 HOBY Youth Leadership Conference.
- The Community Builders for Peace program continued to connect students with our service partners at Quinn Center and specifically the efforts of *laudato si.*
- During Circle the City, the Class of 2023 served at 9 different Chicagoland sites, positively affecting thousands of lives by putting their love of the dear neighbor into action. The Alumni Department continued the effort with a week-long celebration of service by Naz Alum across the country.

Leaders in Spirit

- Girls Basketball made Nazareth history with the program's first IHSA State Title.
- The Winter Season brought a new sport to Naz - Naz Bowling struck it big with 24 boys and 8 girls creating a new legacy.
- Roadrunner Athletics boasted 4 IHSA State Medalists, 12 IHSA State Qualifiers, 5 All-State Academic Team selections, 1 Sectional Champion, 20 Sectional Medalists, 22 Sectional Qualifiers, 4 IHSA Regional Champions, 1 IHSA Regional Medalist, 33 Conference Medalists, 1 ESCC Conference Player of the Year and 47 All-Conference selections.
- Cooper Kosanovich is the school's first male Diver to earn a State Medal.
- The Fine Arts Department presented multiple band and chorus concerts, productions of *Harvey*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and a Spring Fine Arts Showcase.
- Baseball repeated as 3A Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Champions; Competitive Dance qualified for the 1A State Competition; Football won the 5A State Championship; Girls Basketball won the ESCC Conference Title and were 3A Regional, Sectional, Super-Sectional and State Champions; Girls Cross Country won a 2A Regional Title and qualified for State; Girls Golf qualified for the 1A State Tournament; Girls Tennis were 1A Sectional Champions and State Qualifiers; Girls Volleyball won 3A Regional, Sectional and Super-Sectional Titles and were State Runners Up; Softball won a 3A Regional Title.
- Jannelle Steger '23 was selected to participate in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival production of "Shrek" as part of the crew. Evelyn Rosenberg '25 was selected as a First Soprano in the District 1 ILMEA Festival.

Leaders in Unity

- We welcomed Sisters and Associates from the Congregation of St. Joseph to Masses, Prayer Services and even Pep Rallies as a way of connecting students to the mission and charism of the CSJ. SMILE Club continued to brighten the lives of CSJ through handmade decorations, cards and in-person interactions.
- We welcomed over 100 Naz grandparents for the return of our Grandparents Day Event. Joined by 100s of Naz students, families enjoyed breakfast, activities, a Prayer Service, photo booths and, most importantly, time together.
- As part of our Catholic Schools Week celebration, teams, clubs and individual students took up the challenge to investigate the CSJ Simple Maxims and identify where they see those maxims alive at Nazareth.
- LatiNaz Club hosted our first celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe for Nazareth families, including a Prayer Service, pot luck dinner, social time, and a performance from the Mexican Folkloric dance group Tlaloc.
- A new Career Day anchored our annual Multicultural Festival, inviting 20 alum from diverse backgrounds and professions to share how their life experiences have informed the professional work they do today.
- Spiritual retreat was offered for every student, including Kairos, a nationally recognized retreat program.
- Celebrations of Hispanic Heritage Month, Black History Month, Women's History Month and Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month spotlighted alumni and encouraged the Nazareth Family to broaden their perspectives.
- Masses and Prayer Services, including the Living Stations of the Cross Service, offered students, faculty and families opportunities to pray and worship as one.
- *Loving Actively and Inclusively…That All May be One*. Our school theme reflected the Congregation of St. Joseph's commitment to loving and serving the dear neighbor without distinction - in both word and action.

Then and today, autocrats seek to control wine

For makers in Iran, Ukraine, Armenia, drink worth saving

By Eric Asimov
The New York Times

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For most people, wine is a commodity on a shelf, a treat for when the mood strikes. For mass-market companies, wine might as well be pencils or paper towels — merchandise to move. But for serious-minded producers and fans, wine has a far deeper meaning that cuts to the core of human existence.

Among those who understand this view of wine are autocrats and would-be dictators. Throughout history, authoritarians have sought to suppress cultural expressions that deviate from the party line, whether books, film, music, religion or wine. It is no less true in our own times.

Within the last century, dictatorial governments have routinely tried to destroy wine production, if that suited their needs. They have bent and shaped traditions to fit their own desires. They have also seen wine as a desirable commodity, looting vast amounts for themselves as the Nazis did in France during World War II.

The Soviet Union routinely sought to transform the local winemaking customs of its constituent republics, discouraging, for example, the winemaking culture of Georgia, and instead creating vast state vineyards that could supply enormous amounts of wine for the Russian market.

Likewise, in the Alentejo region of southeastern Portugal, the tradition of making wine in clay talha, amphora-like vessels, largely disappeared in the mid-20th century as the dictatorship of Antonio de Oliveira Salazar pushed the country into centralized wine production.

In Spain under Francisco Franco, regional methods died off as the government channeled wine into bulk production. Growers were encouraged to leave the countryside for factory work in the cities, abandoning vineyards and other agricultural pursuits.

As these countries became more democratic in the last few decades, local wine cultures were resuscitated. The diverse wines of Spain, Portugal and Georgia are now among the most interesting and exciting in the world.

I've been thinking about this history more because it's still playing out today, in Ukraine, Armenia and Iran.

In late February, I attended Vines and Threads, an event in Providence, Rhode Island, intended to raise awareness of how Russia's invasion of Ukraine threatened its distinctive culture. The event included discussions and presentations of fashion, music, food and wine, including a tasting of the sparkling wines of Artwinery, said to be the largest sparkling wine producer in Eastern Europe.

Artwinery is in Bakhmut, which has been the center of intensive fighting in eastern Ukraine. It was originally constructed during the Stalin era when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union, but since Ukrainian independence, it has been making fine sparkling wines using the Champagne method, primarily with a blend of chardonnay, riesling and aligote, an unusual combination for a Champagne-style wine.

As fighting in Bakhmut began in spring 2022, Russians bombed the city indiscriminately, except, apparently, for Artwinery.

Nathalie Lysenko, Artwinery's export manager, suggested in 2022 that the Russians wanted to protect the winery or the 50 million bottles that were stored in a huge network of gypsum caves deep underground so that they could steal the wine. They considered whether to destroy it, she said.

Instead, Artwinery last year began to secretly transport a sizable portion of the bottles to warehouses in safer locations in Ukraine. The winery would not disclose exactly how many bottles were moved or where they are now. The Russians have now occupied the winery.

Artwinery is planning to export 140,000 bottles to the United States this year, said Gayle Corrigan of Saparavi USA, Artwinery's American importer.

As the war rages on and Ukrainians continue to face death and hardships, wine is not so important except as a symbol. But its role as a crucial element of cultural identity is explicit at less fraught moments when authoritarian rulers suppress its production.

"Somm: Cup of Salvation," a new documentary that will be released later this year, examines the role of wine in the identity of both Armenia and Iran, neighboring countries in which wine production has been interrupted by violence and autocratic government.

This fourth film in the "Somm" series, directed by Jason Wise, is different from its processors. Instead of spotlighting the dreams of sommeliers, its focus is larger, on the cultural importance of wine itself.

The absorbing film follows Vahe Keushguerian, an Armenian winemaker, and his daughter, Aimee, who works with him at their production facility, WineWorks, in Yerevan, Armenia's capital.

Along with Georgia to the north, Armenia is part of the Caucasus region, which is considered to have been among the birthplaces of wine centuries ago, long before political divisions separated the region into countries. Wine was integral to Armenian culture until its 19th-century subjugation by both the Ottoman and Russian empires, Keushguerian said, followed by the Armenian genocide at the hands of the Ottomans in the early 20th century. After a brief period of independence, it was subsequently absorbed into the Soviet Union.

"The Soviet Union said, 'You guys don't do wine, you do brandy,'" Keushguerian said. As he tells it in the film, the Soviets forced growers to abandon their hillside vineyards and the ancient varieties they used for wine. New vineyards were planted in the flat areas, where farming could be industrialized, with the grapes the Soviets preferred for brandy.

"The old vineyards stayed," said Aimee Keushguerian, whose birth coincided with the fall of the Soviet Union. "They were essentially untouched for 120 years. Now we've adopted wine as our identity."

Iran, too, once had a thriving wine industry, particularly among Kurds and Zoroastrians. It ceased after the Islamic Revolution in 1979, and hundreds of wine-producing facilities were destroyed. But some of the old vineyards survived, particularly in hard-to-reach hillside areas, with their produce consumed as table grapes.

Keushguerian wondered about these old vineyards and conceives in the film of a plan to buy grapes in Iran, where Armenians can travel relatively freely, and bring them back to Armenia to make wine at his facility.

"I was curious about the varieties, and how they were linked to the more familiar grapes," he told me earlier this year.

In the movie, Keushguerian travels to the north of Iran, camera crew in tow, semiclandestinely looking for old vineyards with unusual varieties. In the remote hills in the province of Kermanshah, 300 miles west of Tehran, he finds what he wants: glistening purple grapes he identified as the rasheh variety.

He arranges to buy 22 tons, which he has shipped back to the WineWorks facility, where in 2021 he produced both red wine and sparkling rosé. Some of these bottles will be sold legally in the United States under the brand Molana, referring to a nickname of Rumi, the 13th-century Persian poet and scholar. It will be labeled, "Wine of Iran, made in Armenia."

Using recent genetic analysis of grapevine varieties, researchers have traced the domestication of wine grapes to 11,000 years ago, which would make grapes, and wine, among the first forms of agriculture. Wine may have been so important among early nomadic humans that it was a chief reason for settling into fixed communities. It was among the building blocks of civilization.

Individual bottles don't rise to this level of profundity. Wine may be no more than a simple pleasure for many. But when threatened it's also precious enough to defend, which, in a sense, makes it sacred.

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Michael Cray, a volunteer at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, adjusts a seat for Mason, a 5-month-old patient. **JESSICA GRIFFIN/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER PHOTOS**

TRAGEDY CALLED HIM TO SERVE

For 20 years, father has volunteered at hospital where his young son died

By Stephanie Farr
The Philadelphia Inquirer

While cuddling infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia or comforting families there in oncology, Michael Cray will often turn to his son, Ian, for help.

"I ask him, 'What should I do?'" Michael Cray said.

Ian Cray took his last breath at St. Christopher's in 2001 at age 9 due to complications from cystic fibrosis. He would be 31 today, and his dad thinks he'd be an author and adventurer who was arrested twice for hang gliding over a presidential motorcade. "He knew what life was about," Cray said. "He got it."

But because Ian isn't here to write the stories he was meant to or experience the adventures he should have had, his dad is at St. Christopher's, volunteering to make the lives of the kids, parents, and staff there a little easier.

"Some people want to golf if they win the lottery," he said. "I just want to do this."

Cray, 60, of Mount Laurel, New Jersey, started volunteering at the North Philadelphia hospital two years after Ian died because he couldn't live with thought of his son's death being for nothing.

"I said 'This is going to hurt, this has to count. All that stuff we went through, something good better come out of it,'" he recalled.

Twenty years later, Cray is among the longest-tenured volunteers at St. Christopher's, where he spends 14 hours a week holding infants, playing with long-term child patients, and helping families navigate some of the most difficult experiences of their lives.

NICU patient Mason grabs onto Michael Cray's finger as he is cradled. "I love when they lock on like that," Cray said.

"Our friends always ask, 'After the stuff that happened to your family, why would you want to get deeper into medicine?' and it's a valid question," Cray said.

"It's a lot easier to do brave things when you're around brave people. And who is braver than a kid?"

Cray also cares for the caregivers, checking in on the doctors and nurses, sewing blankets and doing dishes.

On a recent Friday, as Cray picked up 5-month-old Mason in the NICU and cradled him in his arms, the infant quieted, wrapped his hand around Cray's finger and looked straight into his eyes.

"I love when they lock on like that," Cray said.

Out of 74 active volunteers at St. Christopher's, Cray is one of only four who work in the NICU's "Cuddler Program," providing babies whose parents aren't able to be there with the human contact necessary for development, said Sharon Leonardo, a NICU charge nurse.

"These volunteers are very trusted by us," she said. "The NICU group is a very protective group, and it takes a lot to get our trust to hold the babies."

Dina Melchiorre, director of volunteer services at St. Christopher's, said Cray always goes "above and beyond," accepting any assignment given, from mentoring new volunteers to wrapping Christmas presents.

"To come back and want to give back because of the care you received, I think there's no higher honor than for all of us to work with somebody who's been on both sides and continues to give," she said.

Cray, an electrical engineer for Microchip Technology, and his wife of 37 years, Sharon, had three children: David, Ian and Mara.

"Our kids are so Animaniacs," Cray said. "We called them Yakko, Wakko and Dot."

Ian was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at age 2 and began receiving care at St. Christopher's. Mara, who was born five years after Ian, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at birth and spent 11 days in the NICU where Cray now volunteers.

Today, thanks to new medications, Cray said Mara is a "radiant" 26-year-old working in communications. His elder son, who has one daughter, is a 34-year-old veterinarian in Florida.

Cray said he has seen many incredible families fall apart after the death of a child. He credits his wife, who was an advocate for their kids and now volunteers in patient advocacy for others, with getting them through.

"We were the lucky low percentage who became foxhole buddies, Sharon and I," he said. "We became closer because you don't want to let the other person down."

During his 20 years volunteering at St. Christopher's, Cray has only taken two breaks — once, for four years when Mara was very sick, and he couldn't risk exposing her to pathogens he may have brought home, and again, for 15 months during the height of the pandemic.

"My first day back, I was weeping, I was so happy," he said.

Cray is learning American Sign Language and Spanish, and hopes to become a certified interpreter in the latter to help families better communicate with staff overseeing their child's care.

He's also in the process of joining Big Brothers Big Sisters of America to mentor an 11-year-old long-term patient at the hospital with whom he has grown close.

Cray hopes Ian would be proud that his dad is caring for others in his honor.

"I think I'm not letting him down," he said. "The last thing Ian ever said on this earth was to thank his mom for taking care of him."

Study finds those who get diabetes before age 60 have higher dementia risk

HealthDay News

Prediabetes often precedes Type 2 diabetes, the form of the disease most closely tied to obesity. A new study suggests that the timing of this transition may set the stage for dementia in later years.

Prediabetes refers to blood sugar or glucose levels that are higher than normal but not high enough to be defined as diabetes.

Researchers found that folks who were diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes before their 60th birthday were three times more likely to develop dementia than people without diabetes. This increased risk for dementia dropped for people who got diabetes at older ages. By age 80, for example, developing diabetes was not associated with higher odds for dementia.

"Slowing or preventing prediabetes progression to diabetes may be an important way to prevent dementia," said Michael Fang, study co-author and assistant professor of epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Exactly how, or even if, progression from prediabetes to Type 2 diabetes affects dementia risk is not fully understood, but the researchers have a theory.

Insulin resistance and high blood sugar levels are associated with diabetes and contribute to the buildup of beta-amyloid plaques and tau proteins in the brain. These are hallmarks of Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia.

"It's (been) unclear whether prediabetes is an independent risk factor or if persons with prediabetes are simply at higher risk for diabetes," Fang said. "Our findings support the theory that prediabetes matters for dementia because these patients are at increased risk for diabetes."

Researchers analyzed the data of 11,660 people who did not have diabetes when the study began. Of these, 20% had prediabetes. Folks underwent tests measuring cognitive function throughout the study, which spanned nearly three decades.

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The study was recently published in Diabetologia.

Preventing or managing diabetes is one of the most important things to reduce dementia risk and avoid cognitive decline, said Yuko Hara, director of prevention and aging at the Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Hot spoons for itchy mosquito bites and other folksy remedies

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate

Dipping a spoon in hot water or coffee and then pressing the utensil on a mosquito bite may ease itchiness. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: I have been a magnet for mosquitos since childhood, yet only recently did I learn about the "hot spoon" treatment for itchy bites. When the bite is fresh, heat a spoon in hot water or coffee, and then press the back of the spoon against the bite, as hot as you can stand it. The heat somehow neutralizes the mosquito bite, reducing the time and intensity of the itchiness.

A: People differ in how strongly they react to mosquito bites. Most people experience some itching and redness and perhaps a bump from a bite. Scientists think this is a histamine-driven reaction to the bug's saliva. Other folks, however, have a reaction to mosquito bites that lasts for weeks. Doctors have termed this "skeeter syndrome."

We first discovered the hot water remedy for itches over 50 years ago in the textbook "Dermatology: Diagnosis and Treatment." It works by desensitizing the nerves in the skin that transmit an itch sensation. We suspect that the hot spoon trick works through the same mechanism. Neither the spoon nor the hot water should be so hot that they burn the skin.

High-tech versions of this approach are now available under brand names such as Bite Away, Bite Helper and Therapik. These are battery-powered devices that deliver heat to itchy bug bites.

Q: I learned a great remedy from my daughter-in-law. If you immediately pour soy sauce on a burn, it will prevent the skin from blistering. It is amazing.

A: Thank you for the reminder about this remedy. We first heard about it 17 years ago from a public radio listener. A reader responded:

"I listened to your public radio show and heard a man call in recommending soy sauce for burns. 'How weird is that?' I thought. But then, as I took a loaf of bread out of the oven, the inner edge of my thumb and the fleshy pad underneath hit the metal rim of the pan. I expected a painful burn. Since I had nothing else at hand, I decided to try the soy sauce remedy.

"The pain eased in less than a minute, the soreness did not materialize and even the redness went away! It may be weird, but it certainly did work!"

Q: You have written about natural remedies, and I'd like to share mine. As a field biologist, I learned to crush jewel weed and rub it on any area that had accidentally come in contact with poison ivy. In Missouri, where I live, jewel weed often grows in the same area as poison ivy.

A: Jewel weed (Impatiens capensis) has a reputation for counteracting the irritating resin (urushiol) of poison ivy. Scientists hypothesize that this might be due to saponins (soap-like compounds) in the sap. A study at Ohio Northern University confirmed that crushed jewel weed is effective in reducing poison ivy rash (Journal of Ethnopharmacology, March 13, 2015).

Q: When I was a kid, I was stung by a yellow jacket on a camping trip. One of our camping neighbors recommended cutting a potato and placing it on the sting. That stopped the pain!

A: Thanks for sharing a novel remedy. We have heard of using a cut potato to heal a wart, but we were unfamiliar with using potato for a sting.

Other remedies for stings utilize common pantry products. Some people report relief from mixing meat tenderizer into a paste with water or vinegar and applying that to the sting. Baking soda mixed with vinegar is also reputed to stop the pain.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Fending off swimmer's ear

Mayo Clinic

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Q: I swim for exercise and relaxation. I try to get in the pool about three times a week. Recently, I have begun to have episodes where it feels like water is still in my ear. Then my ear becomes red and painful. A friend suggested I might have swimmer's ear. Is this something that is easy to treat? Do I need to stop swimming?

A: Swimmer's ear is an infection in the outer ear canal, which runs from your eardrum to the outside of your head. It's often brought on by water that remains in your ear, creating a moist environment that aids the growth of bacteria.

Swimmer's ear, aka otitis externa, can affect people of any age. And it can affect those who do not spend time in the water, since it occurs because of bacteria invading the skin inside the ear canal. Excess moisture in the ear from heavy perspiration or prolonged humid weather also can be a culprit.

Scratches or abrasions in the ear canal increase the risk of developing otitis externa. Putting fingers, cotton swabs or other objects in the ears, such as earbuds or hearing aids, also can lead to infection by damaging the thin layer of skin lining the ear canal. Any breaks in the skin can allow bacteria to grow.

Being aware of the risk for the condition and prompt treatment can prevent complications and other, more serious issues. Typically, you can treat swimmer's ear with eardrops. Recurrent infections may require additional treatment.

Common signs of swimmer's ear are what you described: redness and mild discomfort that worsens when the ear is pulled or pushed. People may have itching in the ear canal as well as drainage of clear, odorless fluid. Swimmer's ear symptoms are usually mild, but they can worsen if the infection isn't treated or spreads.

Be aware if you begin to experience a feeling of fullness in your ears, increased pain or more intense itching, or begin to have hearing complications. The infection may be progressing. However, temporary hearing loss could occur until the infection clears.

Here are some tips to avoid swimmer's ear.

■ Keep ears dry. After swimming or bathing, dry your ears by wiping the outer portion gently with a soft towel or cloth. Tip your head to the side to help water drain from the ear canal. You also can use a hair dryer on the lowest setting, holding it at least a foot away from the ear.

■ Use a preventive treatment. As long as you do not have punctured eardrums, you can use homemade eardrops before and after swimming to help reduce the risk for swimmer's ear. A mixture of one part white vinegar to one part rubbing alcohol can promote drying and prevent the growth of bacteria and fungi that can cause swimmer's ear. Pour 1 teaspoon of the solution into each ear and let it drain back out. Similar over-the-counter solutions might be available at your drugstore.

■ Consider wearing earplugs while swimming.

■ Avoid putting foreign objects in the ear. Cotton swabs can pack material deeper into the ear canal, irritate the thin skin inside the ear or break the skin. If you are trying to clean the ear and remove wax, do so without using cotton swabs or other instruments.

■ Protect ears from irritants. Putting cotton balls in the ears while applying products such as hair sprays and hair dyes can reduce risk of bacteria getting into the ear canal.

Since you have not been diagnosed with swimmer's ear, talk with your primary health care professional to confirm the condition and provide the proper treatment. You should not have to give up swimming for exercise, but you may need to take a temporary break from the pool for a few days. Your health care team can offer guidance on when to return to the water.

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